

The Cauldron of Plenty is a body of music uniting some 500 pieces grouped into 50+ cycles. Together they explore a variety of non-narrative structures in which the linear development of idea or argument has been abandoned; instead the focus of attention shifts almost casually as if viewing an object or land -scape from a new perspective or in a different light

The influence of the spatial arts is evident everywhere but in spite (or perhaps because) of this, the music is concerned above all with our perception of time - questioning the nature of change, chance and coincidence - and with ideas of precognition or conflicting memories. Thus all the pieces are openform (allowing performers choice in the ordering and shaping of events) and are of flexible duration and instrumentation; this freedom is reflected in the highly visual layout of the scores, whose terse notation is designed to fire the imagination of players and to lay bare the methods of composition.

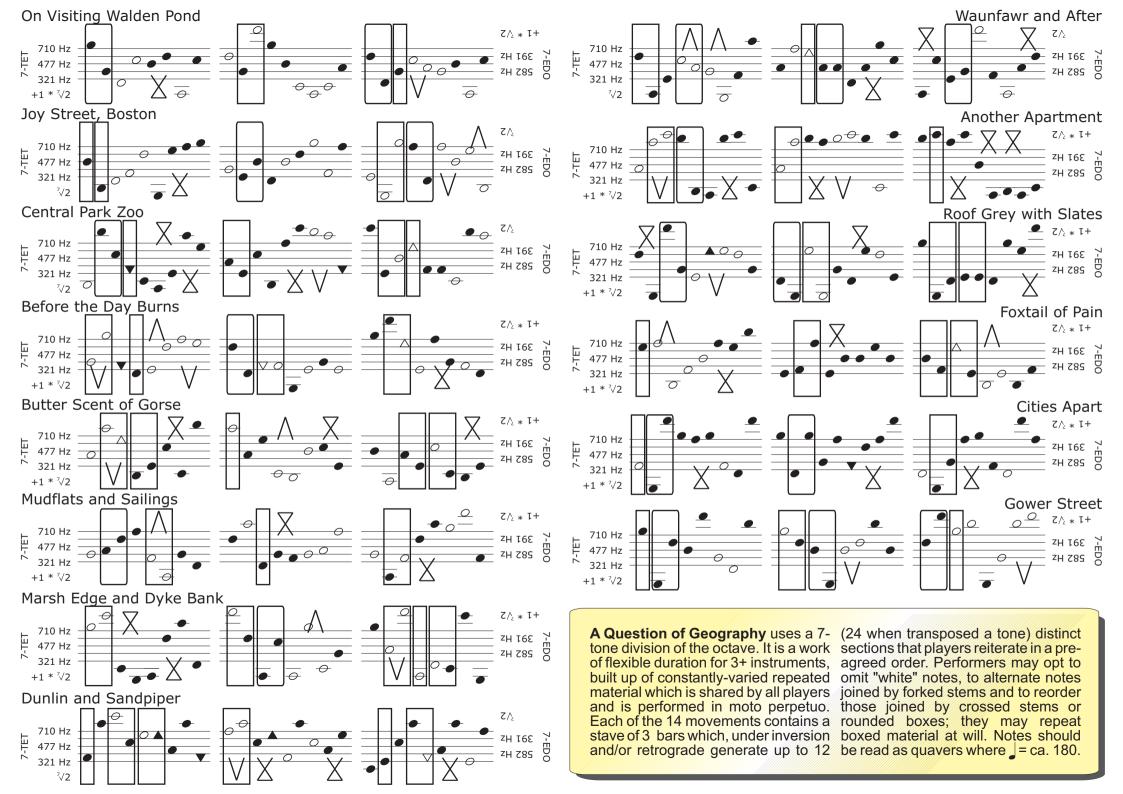
The music employs pitch-class set theory to examine the universe of 12-tone harmonies and to link these together to suggest new tonalities. While some pieces apply a variety of textural ideas to a

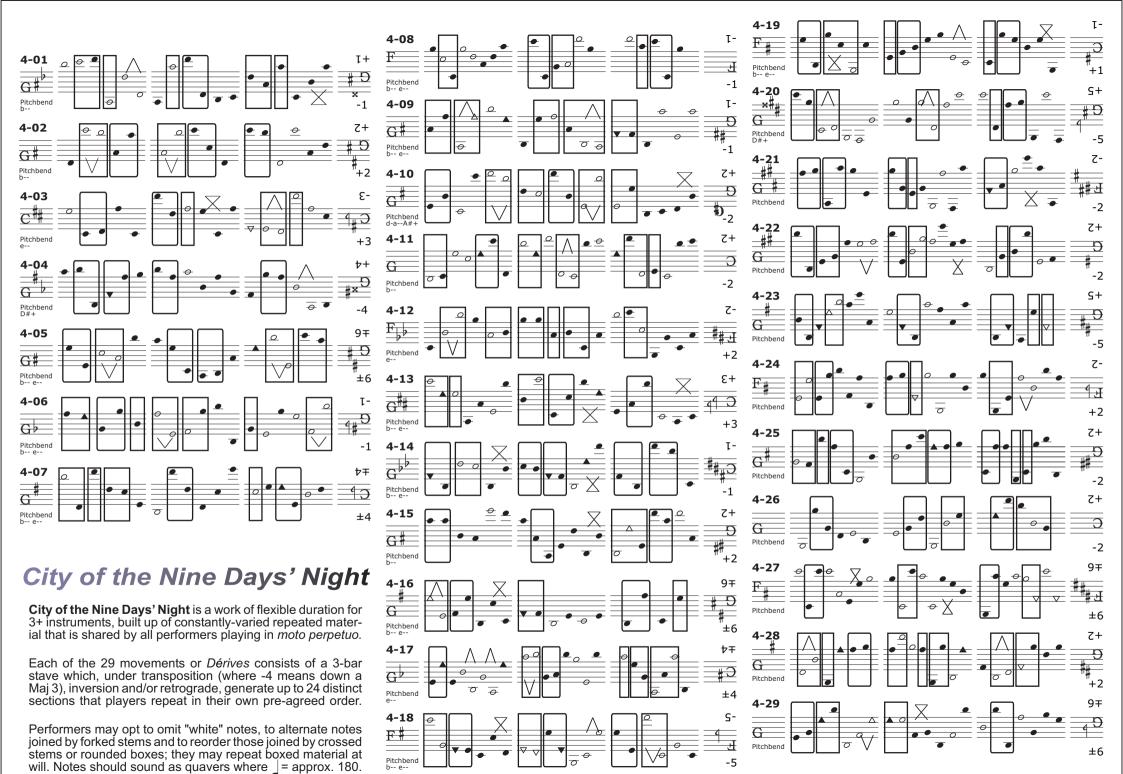
single harmony, others assign new harmonies to an unchanging texture; these latter will often juxtapose harmonies with different degrees of tonal "loyalty", in order to create a sense of distance or movement through space. Yet other pieces transpose and recombine sets, kaleidoscope-like, to spawn new background harmonies or landscapes.

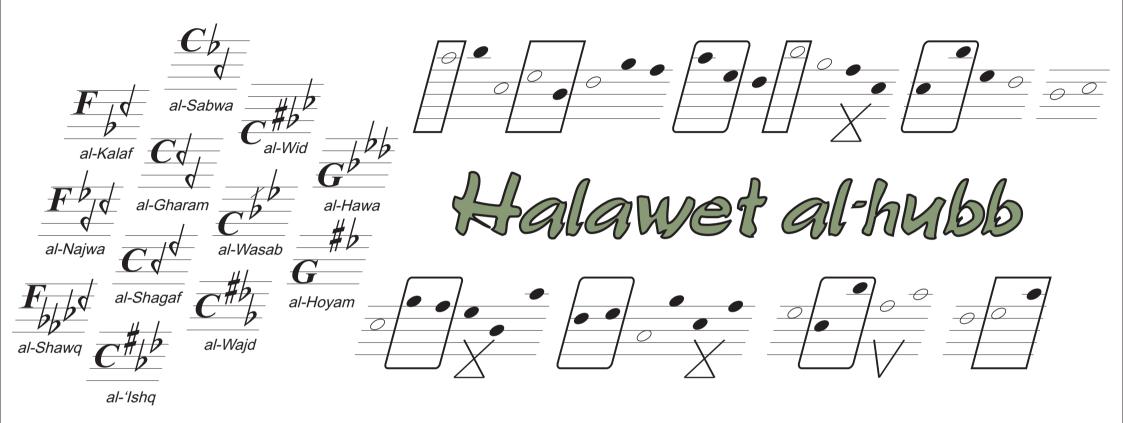
Textures are based not so much on repetition but more on reconstruction, mimicry and paraphrase. Early pieces especially are impelled by the so-called "chaotic" patterns associated with natural processes and employ huge leaps in register to suggest a myriad of unfurling melodies or "journeys"; rhythm here tends to be non-metrical, with all beats in theory carrying an equal stress. Canonic and other algorithmic devices abound retrograde, inversion, transposition, "key" signature change and multiple tempi, - as a means of generating a hoard of new but kindred ideas.

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es Microtonal	2022	A Question of Geography
to	2021	City of the Nine Days' Night
CL C	2021	Halawet al-hubb (Sweetness of Love) Backland Bachianas
Cartographies es Mi	2020	Cities Nine and Twenty
h	2020	An Invincible Summer
<u>0</u>	2019	Musica metafisica
o O		Castles in Spain
ar T		The Gift of Ibn Batuta
		Doggerlandic
ce Heterophonies	2015	Mackintosh in Steerswick
h		The Years That Trembled
2		The First Book of Schmoll
ete		Moodscapes
Corroboree He	2012	Halcyon Days
0		A la recherche d'un grand peut-être
do.	2011	Big Skies, Open Roads
0		Thirty-Five Bells
	2010	The Far Side of Yonder
a Kaleidakoi		Amèriques (<i>or</i> Bitter Americas)
ig	2009	Caring for Country
<u>e</u>		Elektroika (<i>or</i> East of Moscow)
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Angaza Afrika tile antico k	2008	Phantoms & Reflections
Af S	2000	A Land of Great Thirst
za nti		Walking with Zimbabwe
a g	2007	A Land Made in Anger
Ang tile		The Ghazaliyat of Hafez of Shiraz
S		An Infinity of White
읅		Lulled by Zephyrs
Ĕ	2005	Death-Snares & Hell-Sorrows
<u>ica</u>	2005	Vehicles & Replicators
Myrmidons Angaza Afr Musica nello stile antico		Tales from a Time of Disturbance Nûñdä that Dwells in the Night
မ္မ Σ		Music to Resonate
Ē		Espelhos fantásticos (Fairground Mirrors)
7	2004	Dome of the Temple of Happiness
2		Forking Paths & Earthly Delights
		Abstracts & Chronicles
Music Cast as Frescoes Music for Keyboard	2003	Augur of Autumn
		Riddles and Kennings
	2002	Days of the Appointed Time
	2002	Incroyables Saharas
	2001	A Forest of Spontaneities Hieroglyphs & Spells
	2001	The Island of Apples Called Fortunate
		A Sea of Uncertainties
Fr us	2000	Bastilles & Engines
SE Z		Caravan & Robber Stories
<u>بر</u>	1999	Transports & Ecstasies
ä	1998	Cities of the Here-Below
<u>)</u>	1007	Streets & Broad Spaces
nsi		A House of Many Mansions Music from Legendary Spheres
Σ	1989	The Book of Encounters
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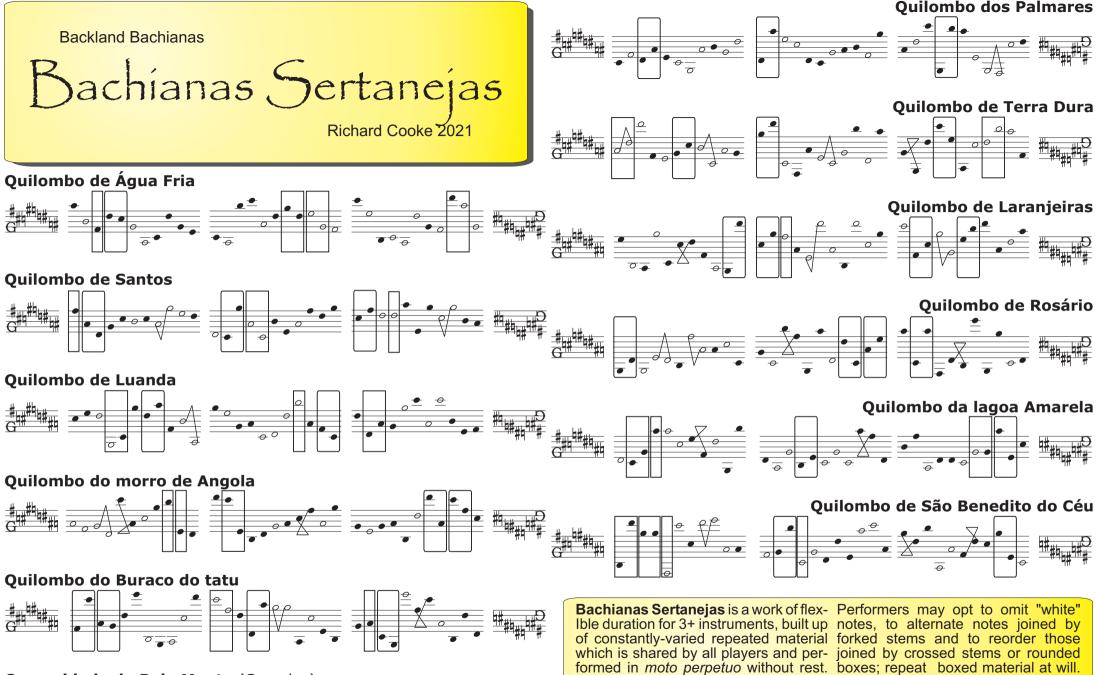


Halawet al-hubb (The Sweetness of Love) weds Western church modes to the maqamat (scales or melodic modes) that constitute the basis of Arabic, Persian and Sephardic music. The 12 diptychs (whose titles echo a few of the Arabic words for *love*) share the same 2 panels of 4 "bars" but interpret the notes using different (generic) clefs and "key" signatures, often embracing microtones or just intonation.

Note that traditional notation has not been supplanted here, but merely extended. The "bar" is now the kernel, with players reiterating shifting material to generate whole new paragraphs or sections; a bar may be inverted (the page upturned) or played in retrograde (from right to left). Back-facing flat-signs sound as "flattened" flats, crossed flats as flattened naturals.

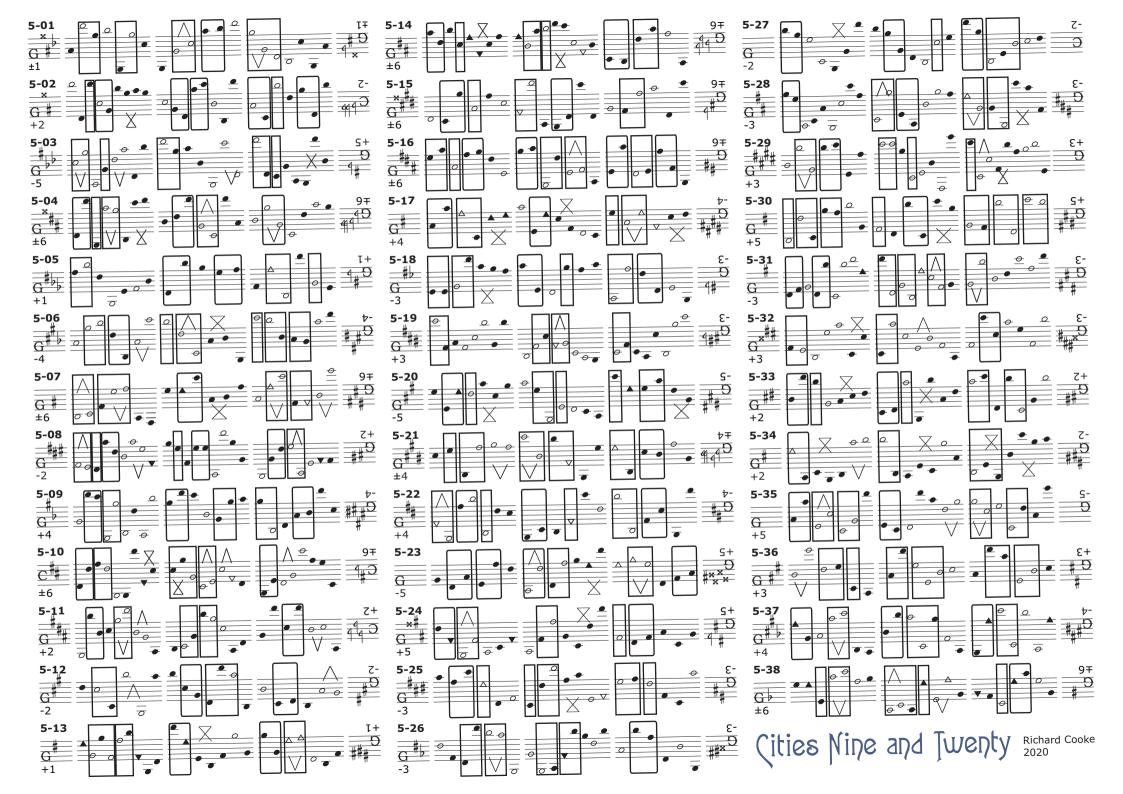
Individual performers may opt to omit "white" notes, to alternate notes joined by forked stems and to reorder those joined by crossed stems or rounded boxes; they can repeat boxed material at will. Note-heads should be read as quavers, where $\rfloor = \text{ca.} 180$.

Richard Cooke, 2021-2023



Comunidade do Belo Monte (Canudos)

Each of the 12 sections or movements Paired accidentals, built from sharps contains a stave of 3 bars which, under and naturals, are applied in sequence. inversion and/or retrograde, generate While bars contain 11 notes, a twelfth up to 12 distinct sections that players (i.e. ft) may be inserted ad lib.. Read repeat in their own pre-agreed order. notes as quavers, where = ca 180.



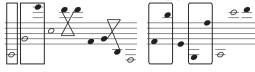


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L'éclat de la lumière sur les murs blancs

L'approche du soir d'été





Les ciels d'été















Au cœur du silence









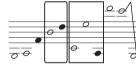






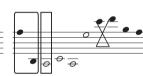
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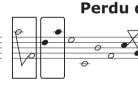














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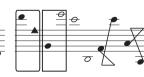














Un rideau de voile









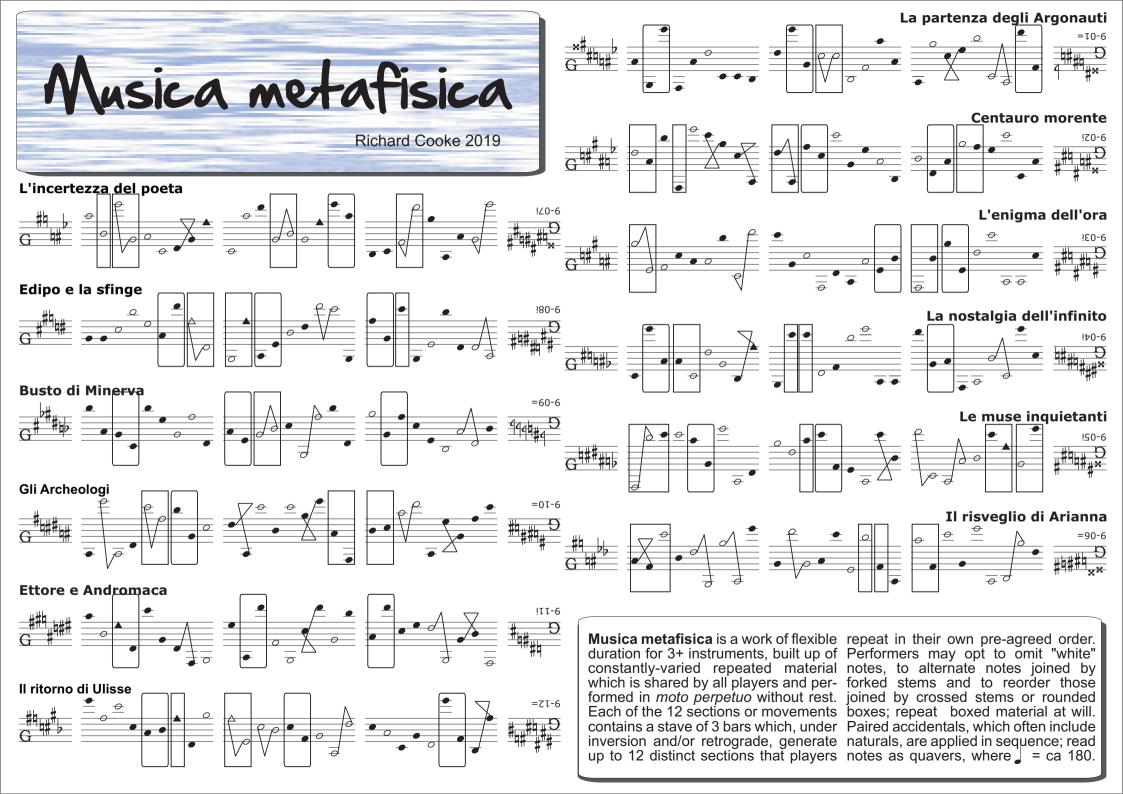
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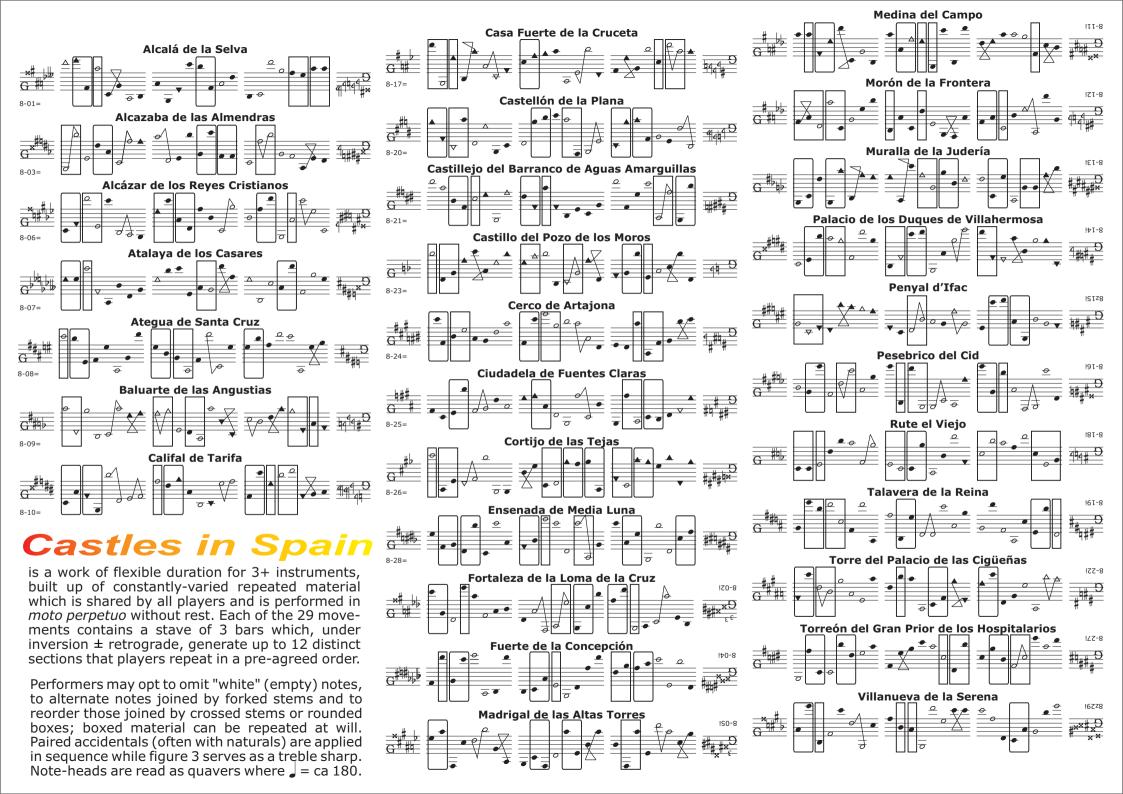
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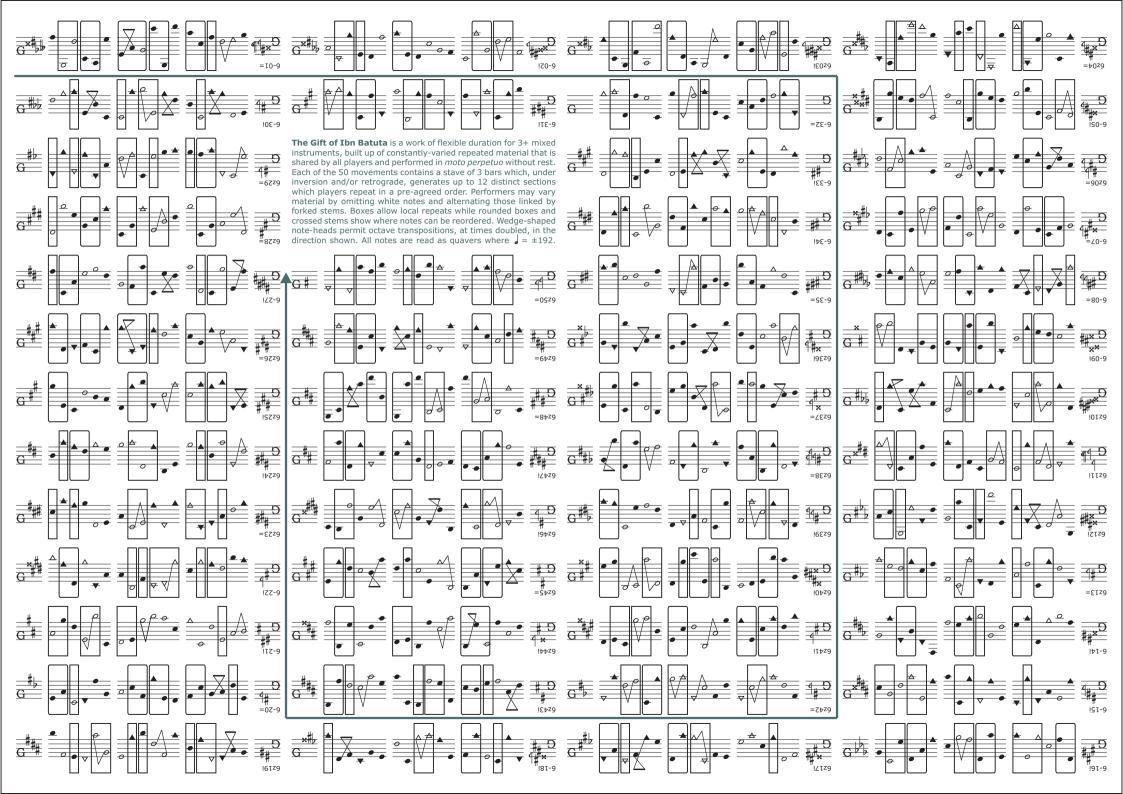


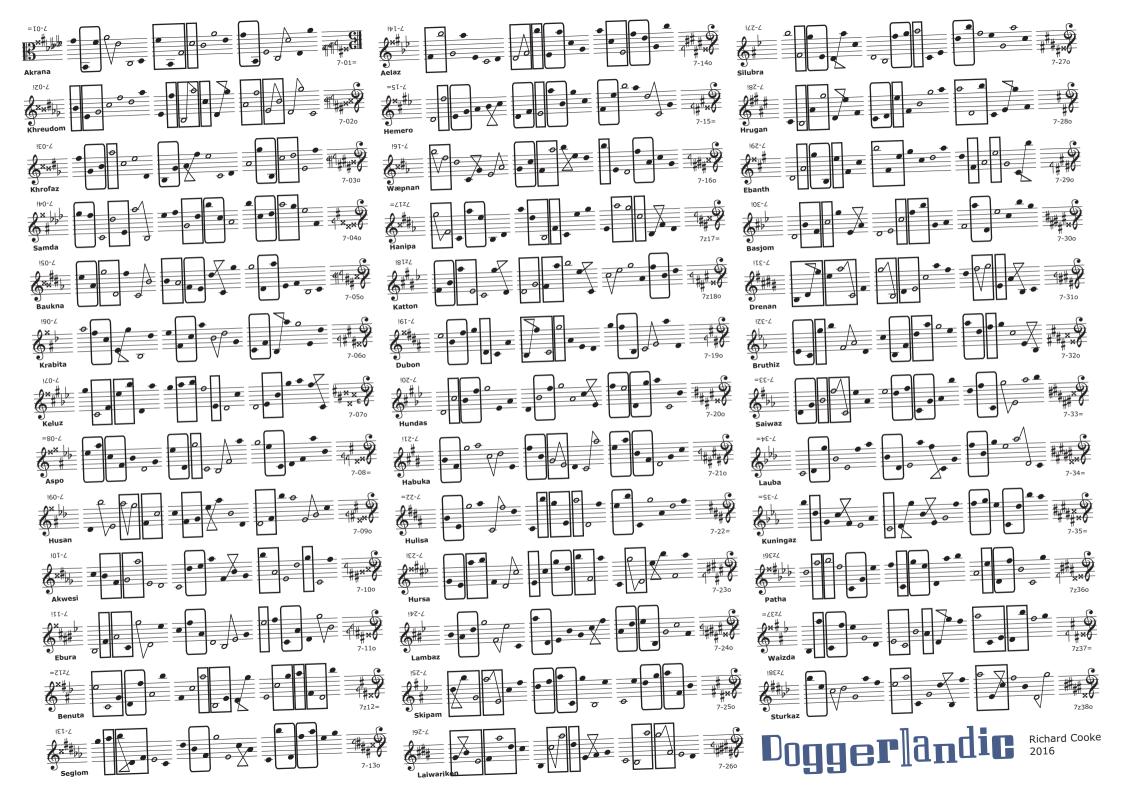


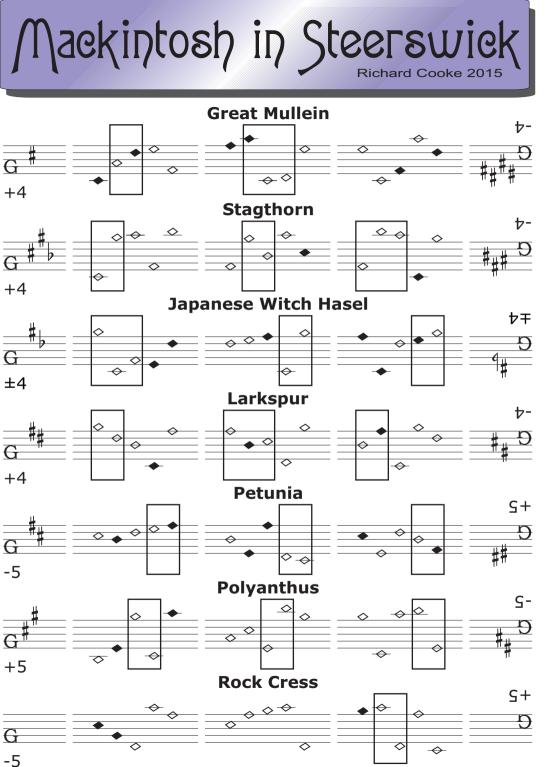


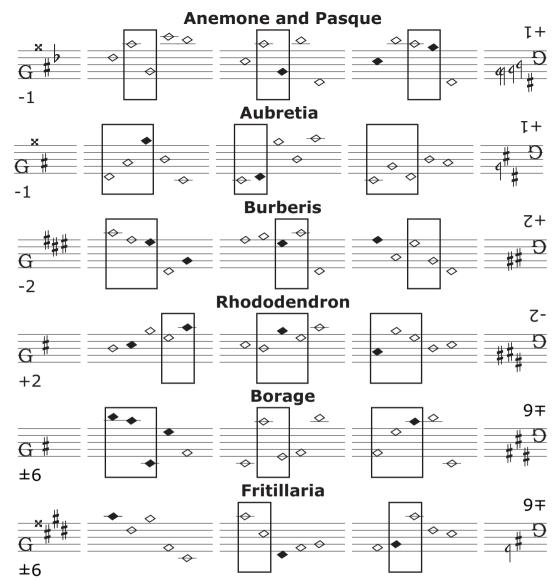


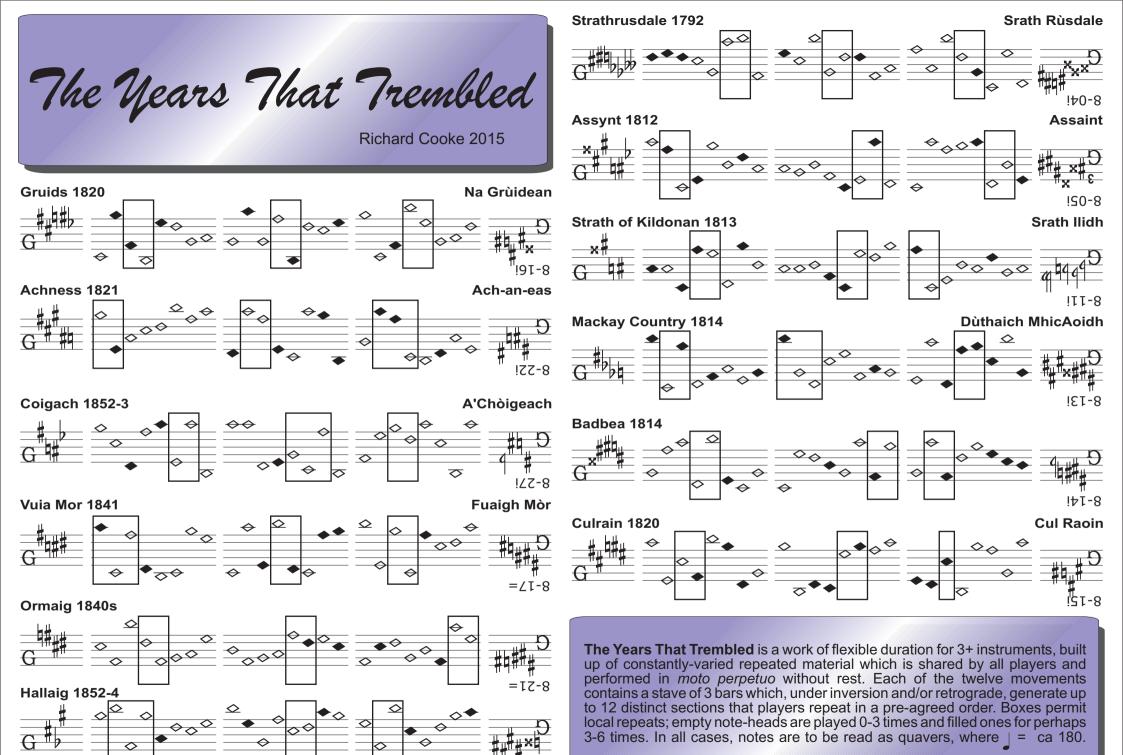










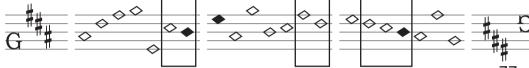


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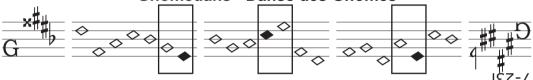
The First Book of Schmoll

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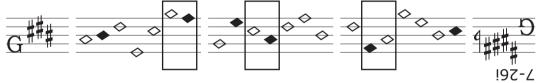
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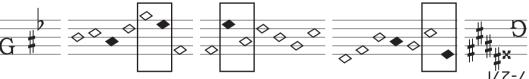
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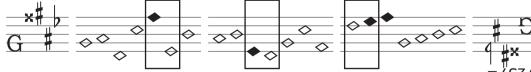
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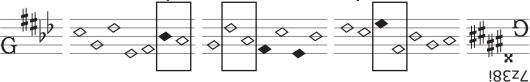
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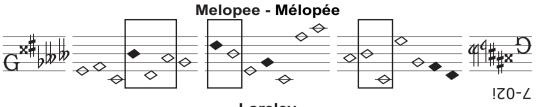


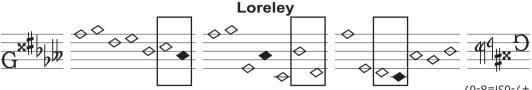
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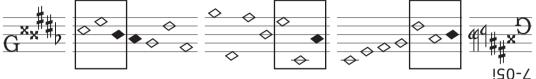
De profundis - Vanuit de diepten



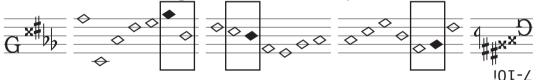




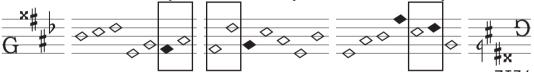
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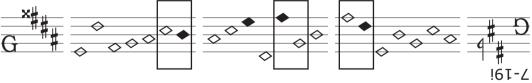
Zomerregenlied - Chanson de pluie d'été



Zeer kleine speeldoos - Très petite boîte à musique

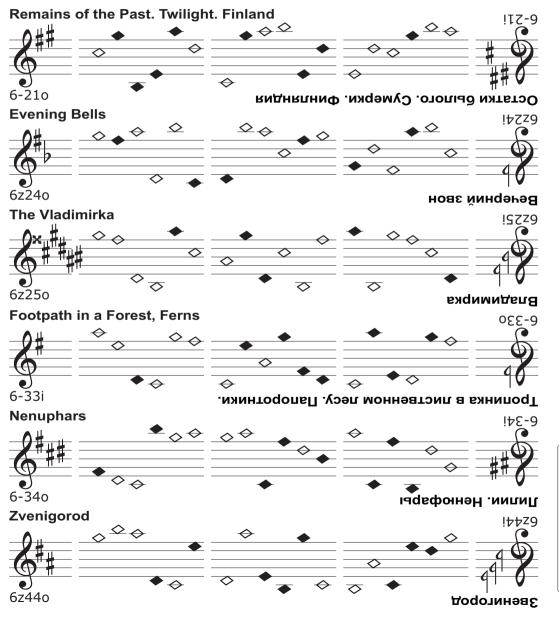


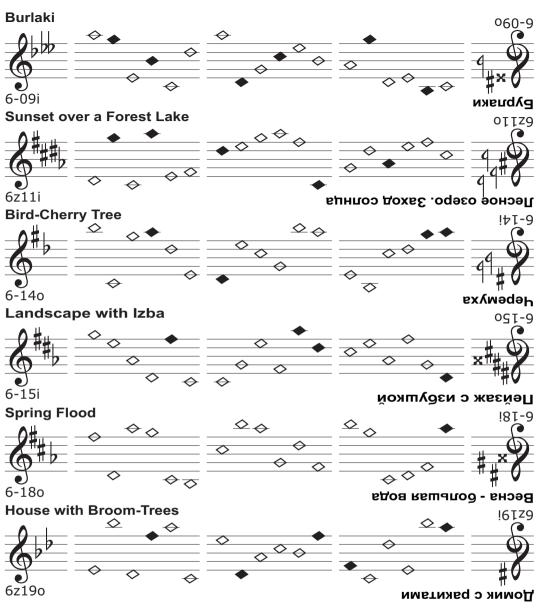
Avondgeluiden - Les sons du soir



The First Book of Schmoll is a work of flexible duration for 3+ instruments, built up of constantly-varied repeated material which is shared by all players and performed in *moto perpetuo* without rest. Each of the twelve movements contains a stave of 3 bars which, under inversion and/or retrograde, generate up to 12 distinct sections that players repeat in a pre-agreed order. A piece can be extended by taking a 7-note bar from another piece and transforming it using the new "key" signature. Boxes permit local repeats; empty note-heads are played 0-3 times and filled ones for perhaps 3-6 times. In all cases, notes are to be read as quavers, where approximately 180.

Пейзажи настроения МооdScapes Richard Cooke 2013



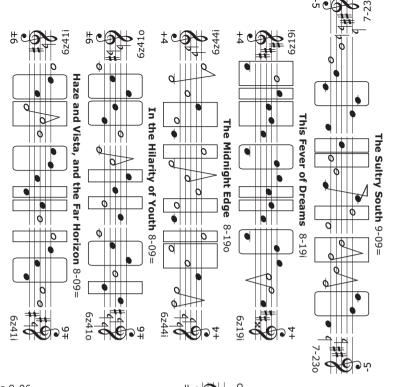


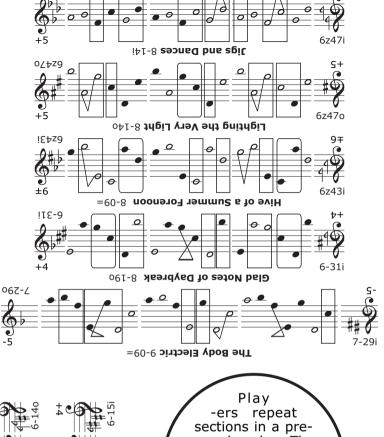
Moodscapes is a work of flexible duration for 3-6 mixed instruments. It is built up of constantly-varied repeated material which is shared by all players and is performed in *moto perpetuo* without rest. Each of the twelve movements contains a stave of three bars which, under inversion and/or retrograde, generate up to six distinct sections, which players repeat in a pre-agreed order. Empty note-heads are played 0-3 times, filled ones perhaps 3-6 times; in all cases, notes are to be read as quavers, where = approximately 180.

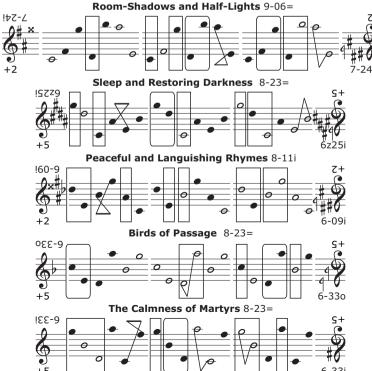
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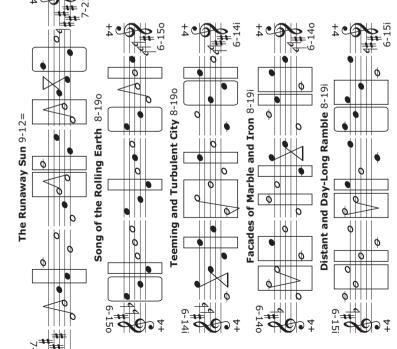
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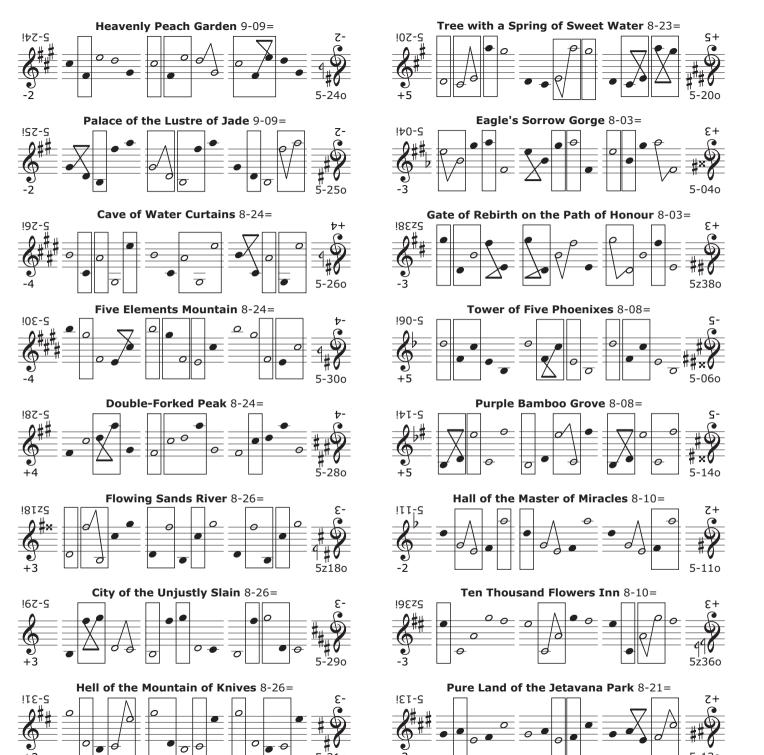




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alternating notes
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Boxes with sharp corners indicate local repeats whilst rounded boxes and crossed stems allow notes to be reordered. All notes should be read as quavers, where approximately 170.

Richard Cooke 2012





Eight Trigrams Furnace 8-28=

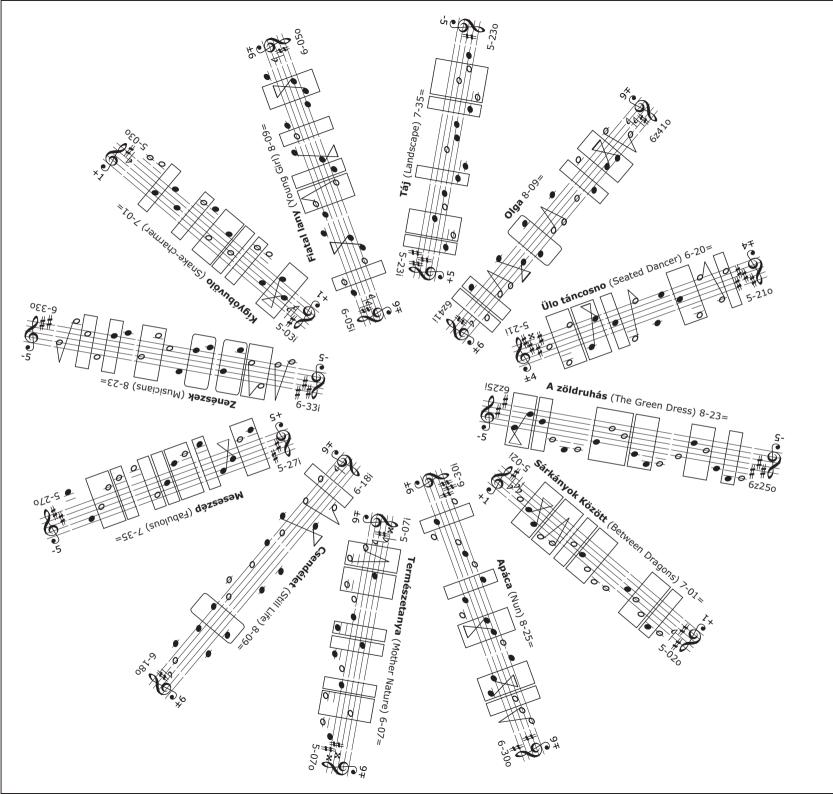
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Richard Cooke - 2012

Seeking the Great Perhaps

is a work of flexible duration, for 3-6 mixed instruments. It is built up of constantlyvaried repeated material which is shared by all players and is performed in moto perpetuo without rest. Each of the 20 movements contains a stave of 3 bars which, under retrograde and/or inversion plus transposition (where +/-1 mean up/down a semitone) generate up to eight distinct sections. Players repeat sections in a pre-agreed order; they can vary material by omitting white (empty-headed) notes and alternating notes linked by forked stems. Boxes indicate local repeats whilst crossed stems show notes may be reordered. All notes should be read as quavers, where = ca 176.



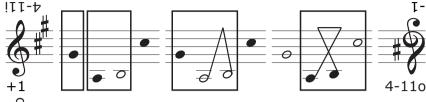
Big Skies Open Roads is a work of flexible duration, for 3 - 6 mixed instruments. It is built up of constantly-varied repeated material which is shared by all players and is performed without rests in moto perpetuo. Each of the twelve movements contains a stave of 3 bars which, under retrograde, inversion and transposition (where +/-1 mean up/down a semitone) generates up to eight distinct sections.



Richard Cooke, 2011

Moonshine Domes

Switchback Sea



Thirty-Five Bells

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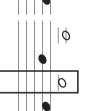
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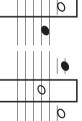
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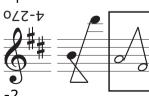








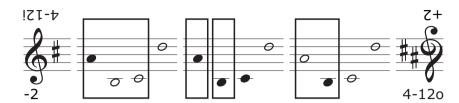






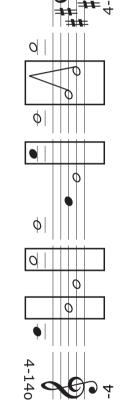
Rage-Shattered Waters

Steeple-Stemmed Herons

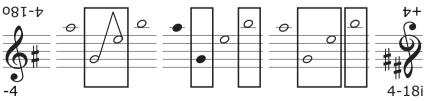


generates up to four distinct sections. Players repeat sections in a pre-agreed order. They may vary material by omitting white (empty-headed) notes and alternating notes linked by forked stems: boxes indicate local repeats whilst crossed stems show notes may be reordered. All notes are read as quavers, where $\rfloor = 160$. Richard Cooke

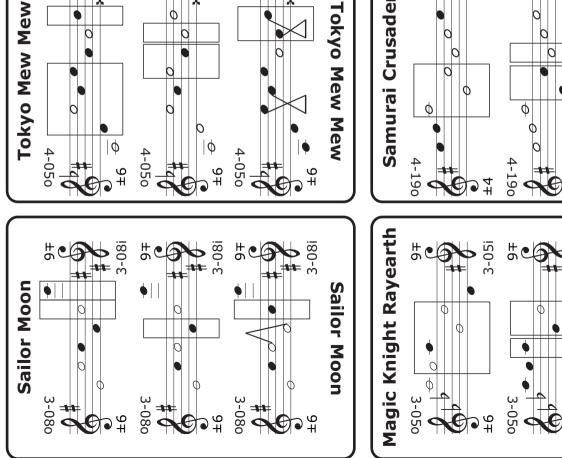
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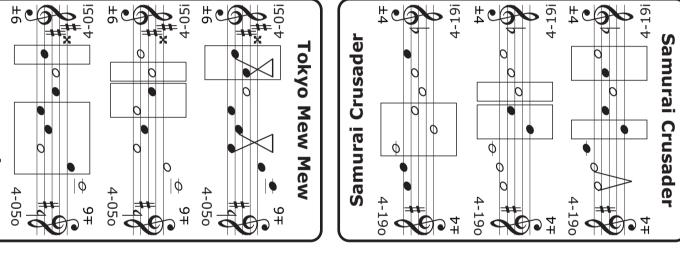


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Mansouled Fiery Islands



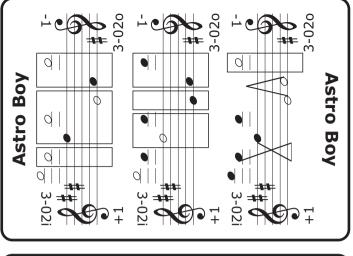


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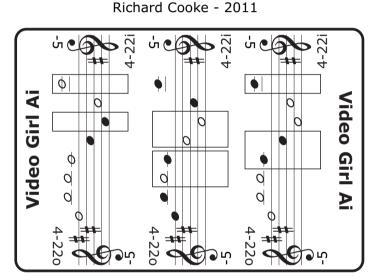
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The Far Side of Yonder is a work of flexible duration, for 3 - 8 mixed instruments. It is built up of constantly-varied

repeated material which is shared by all players

and is performed without rests in moto perpetuo.

Each of the 8 movements contains 3 staves which, under retrograde, inversion and/or

transposition (where +/-1 mean up/down a semitone), generate up to 8 distinct sections.

Players repeat these staves in a pre-agreed order. They may vary them by omitting white (emptyheaded) notes and alternating notes linked by forked stems; boxes indicate local repeats whilst crossed stems show that notes may be reordered. All notes are read as quavers, where $\rfloor = \pm 180$.

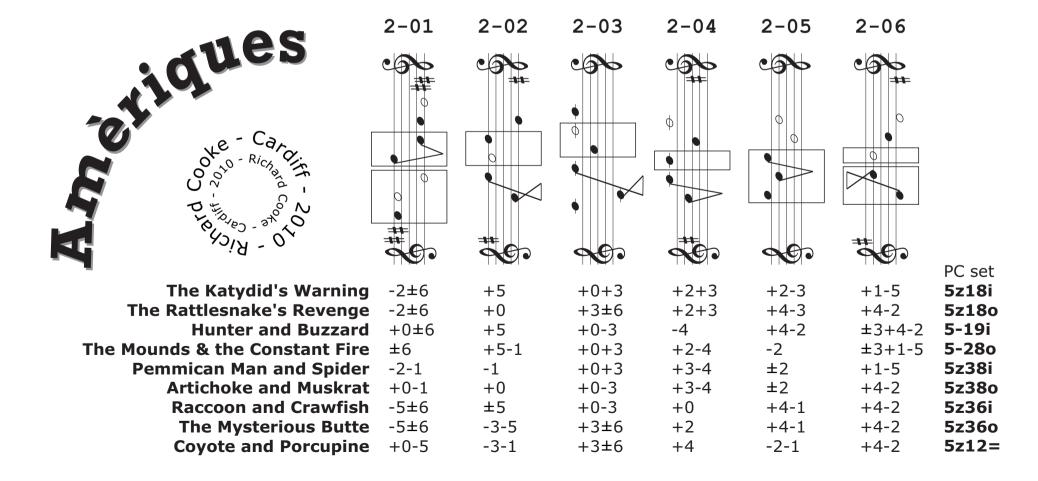
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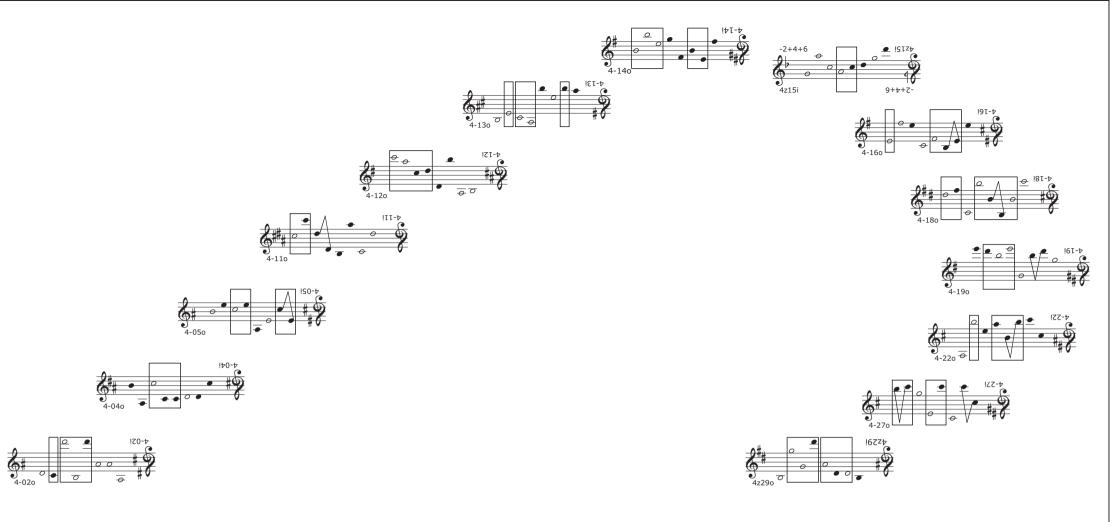
(or Bitter Americas) is a nine-movement work of flexible duration, built up of constantly-varied repeated material shared by all players and performed in moto perpetuo without rests. It is scored for three autonomous groups (each plays at different octaves) of 1-3 pitched percussion or other instruments.

A movement is created by linking all six staves in specific transpositions. It is possible to create new staves by swapping note patterns (but not 'key' signatures) within each pair (2-01 and 02, 2-03 and 04, 2-05 and 06); a further option might be to substitute or add the matching (dyad) material in *Music for a Road Movie*.

Each stave generates 4-16 distinct sections, using transposition, inversion and/or retrograde. Transpositions are shown by the semitone indicators in the table below, where -4 means down a Major 3 and +0 is as written. The sections are performed by the three groups in their own independent order.

Players may elect to omit white (empty-headed) notes, to alternate notes tied by forked stems and to reverse those linked by crossed stems; boxes indicate local repeats. In every case, the notes chosen are played as quavers, where $= \pm 180$. Performers should beware of unusual accidentals, aiding inversion, such as E#.





	4-02	4-04	4-05	4-11	4-12	4-13	4-14	4-16	4-18	4-19	4-22	4-27	4z29	PC Set
Wallaby and Jabiru Dreaming				+0+6			-1-5	-1-5			+2+4		+2+4	6z26=
Gecko and Bandicoot Dreaming				+0+4	+4+0	+0+4			+4+0	+0+4		+0+4		6z28=
Wombat and Cockatoo Dreaming					-5+0	+0-5	+0-5	-5+0	-5+0			+0-5		6z29=
Sun-Woman and Frog Dreaming	+5-5		-5+5				+0+0			+0+0			-4+4	6z37=
Honey Ant and Emu Dreaming			+6+5				-1+0	-1+0					-5+4	6z38=
Kangaroo and Rain Dreaming		-5+6	+6-5		-5+6	+6-5			-5+6			+6-5		6z42=
Waratah and Goanna Dreaming	+5+5				+4+6	+6+4			+4+6		+6+4	+6+4		6z45=
	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	o i	οi	οi	8z15i

Caring for Country (Richard Cooke, 2009) is a multi-movement work of flexible A movement thus consists of 2 or more staves which each generate 4 distinct

duration, built up of constantly-varied repeated material performed without rests sections, using inversion and/or retrograde, as well as transposition (following the in moto perpetuo. It is scored for two autonomous groups (one playing an octave semitone indicators in the table above, where -5 means down a Perfect 4, and +0 as below the other) of 1-3 pitched percussion or other instruments, written). These sections are performed by each group in its own pre-agreed order.

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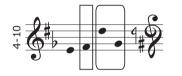


Elektroika or East of Moscow

(Richard Cooke, 2009) is a multi-movement work of flexible duration, built up of constantly-varied repeated material played without rests in moto perpetuo. It is scored for two autonomous groups (one playing an octave below the other) of 1-3 pitched percussion or other instruments.

A movement thus consists of 2 or more staves which each generate 4 distinct sections, using inversion and retrograde, as well as transposition (following the semitone indicators in the table below, where +0 means as written and -5 down a Perfect 4). The sections are played by the two groups in their own pre-agreed order.

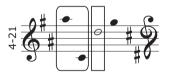




A movement is created by linking staves, appropriately transposed, from different parts of the score. Additional movements may be created, taking their titles, like *Zheleznodorozhnaya*, from sections of the Moscow-Petushki electric railroad. Stave 4-28 serves solely to link movements.

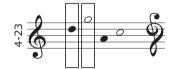
Players may elect to omit white (empty-headed) notes and to alternate notes linked by forked stems; pointed boxes indicate local repeats whilst rounded boxes and crossed stems show that notes may be reordered. All notes should be read as quavers, where = approximately 188.















	4-01	4-03	4-06	4-07	4-08	4-09	4-10	4-17	4-20	4-21	4-23	4-24	4-25	4-26	PC Set
Zheleznodorozhnaya		+6		+0+1	+0					+0					6z04=
Inconsolable Grief			+2-3	+0	+0-1	+0+6					+0				6z06=
Forest Murmurs	+4						+3+5	+4			-2				6-08=
Tear of a Comsomol Girl		+1					+0+3						+1-5	- 5	6z23=
The Woman of the East							+0		-3		+0+5-	5		+2-3	6-32=
Auf Brüderschaft			+2								+0+5	-5		+2	6z48=
Chekhov's Last Words						+0+6	+3	-3		1				-5-2	6z50=
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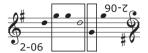












Music for a Road Movie

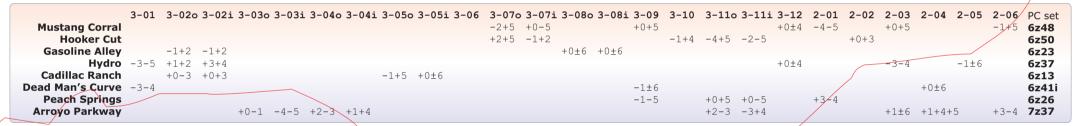
is a multi-movement work of flexible duration, built up of constantly-varied repeated material performed without rests in moto perpetuo. It is scored for two autonomous, groups (one playing an octave below the other) of 1-3 percussion / other instruments.

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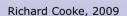




A movement thus consists of 2-6 staves which each generate 8 or more distinct sections, using transposition (following the semitone indicators in the table above, where -4 means down a Major 3, and +0 as written), inversion and/or retrograde. These sections are performed by the two groups in their own pre-agreed order.



Players may elect to omit white (empty-headed) notes and to alternate notes linked by forked stems; boxes indicate local repeats. In every case, the notes sounded (always quavers, where $\rfloor = \pm 192$) are randomly chosen but played in the order notated. Performers should take note of unusual accidentals, aiding inversion, such as E#.



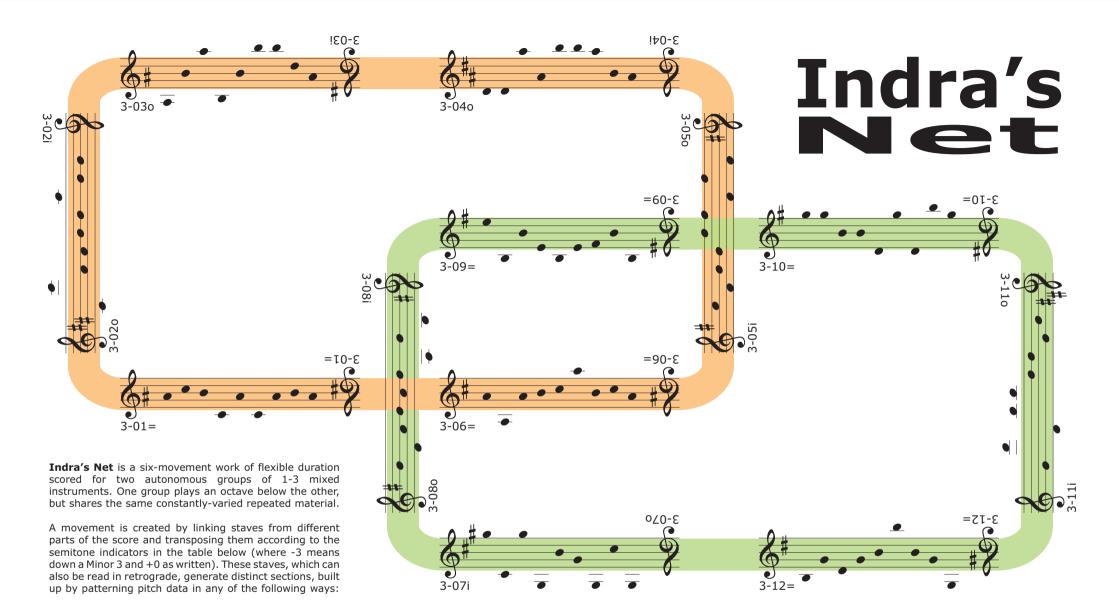












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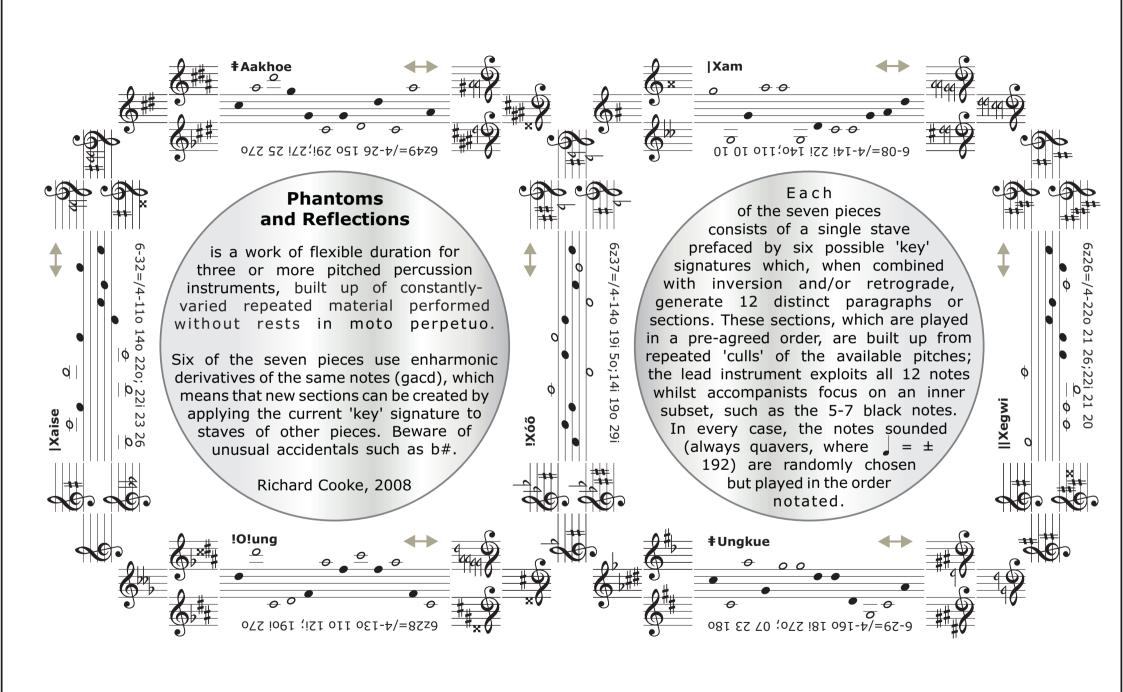
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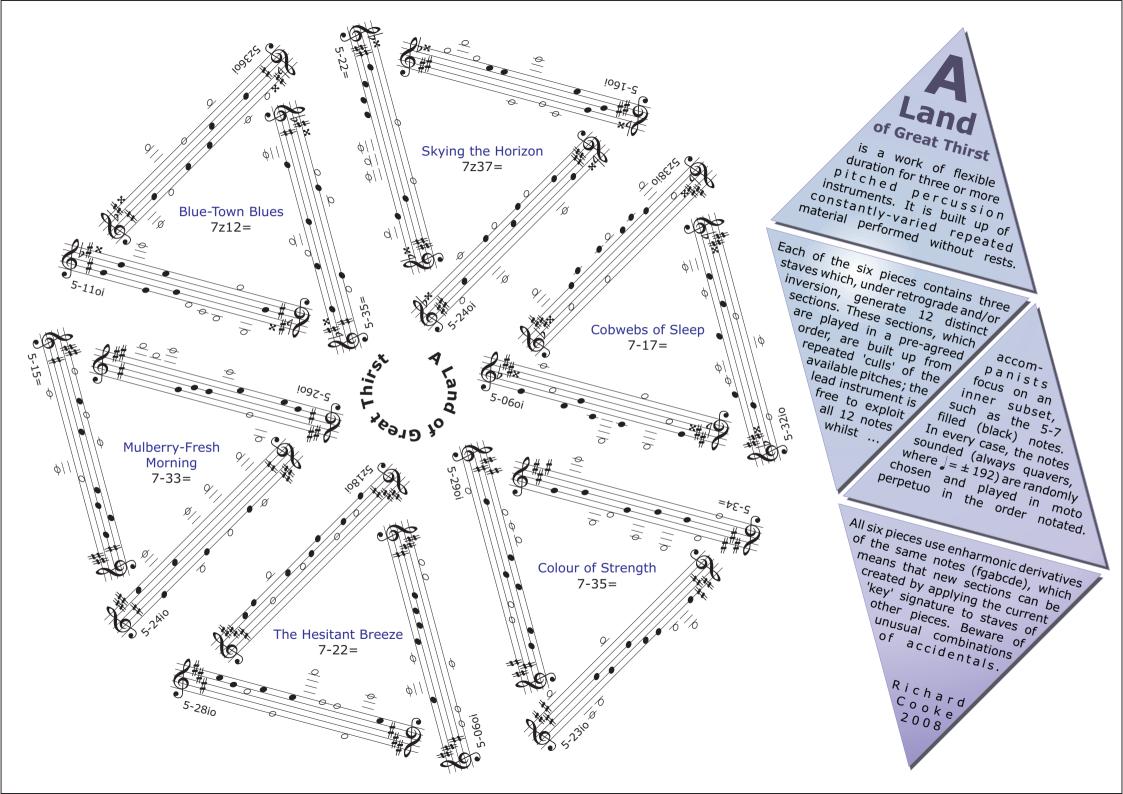
7 **culling**/extraction: omit notes at will

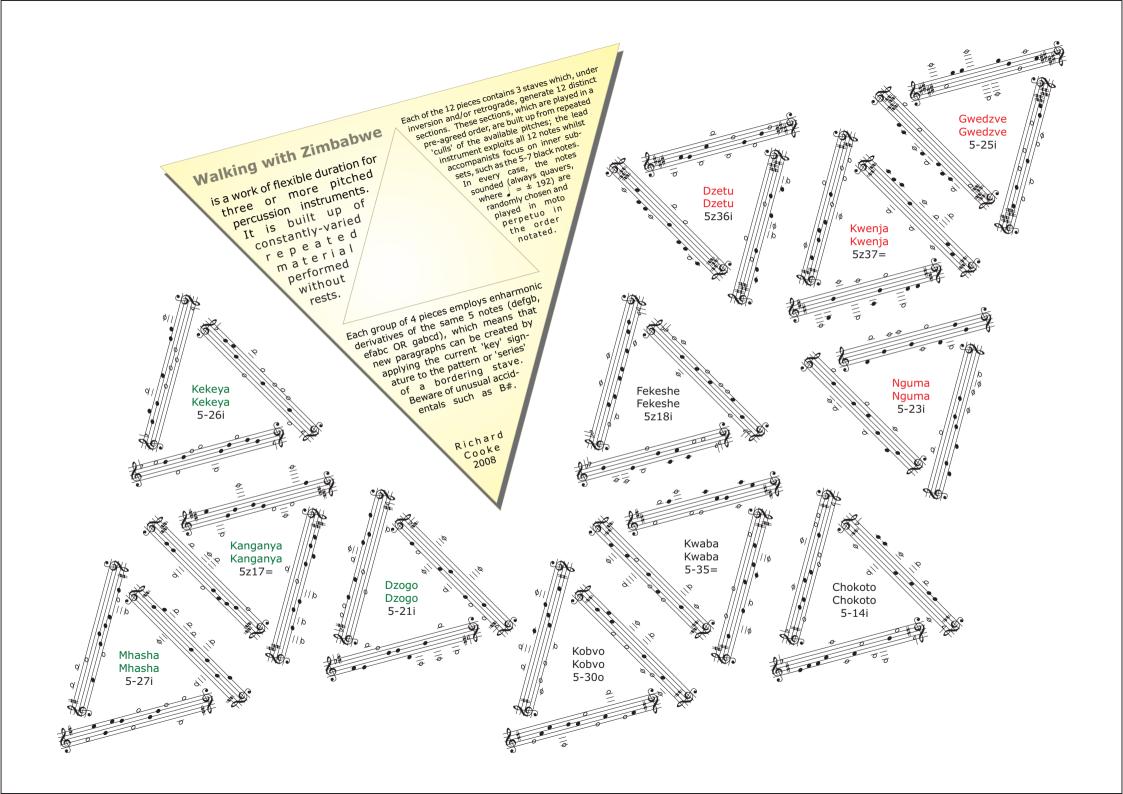
The two ensembles play sections in their own pre-agreed order. Note-heads represent quavers, where $\rfloor = \pm 192$.

3-12 PC Set 3-05 3-06 3-07 3-08 3-09 3-11 Amethysts & Rubies +1 +2 + 0+0+15-11i Garnets & Tourmalines +1 +2 +1 +0+2-2 +2+6 5-13i **Jacinths & Adamants** -2+1 -2+1-3 +1 5z18o +2 **Jaspers & Chalcedonies** -3 -2 -3 +6+2 ±2±6 +6 5-30i +2+1 Micas & Peridots +1 +0+2 -3+65z38i Sapphires & Dolomites -2 +0+2-2 +6 ±2±6 5-26i +1 +2 +6+2 -2 5-26i 7-260

Richard Cooke, 2009





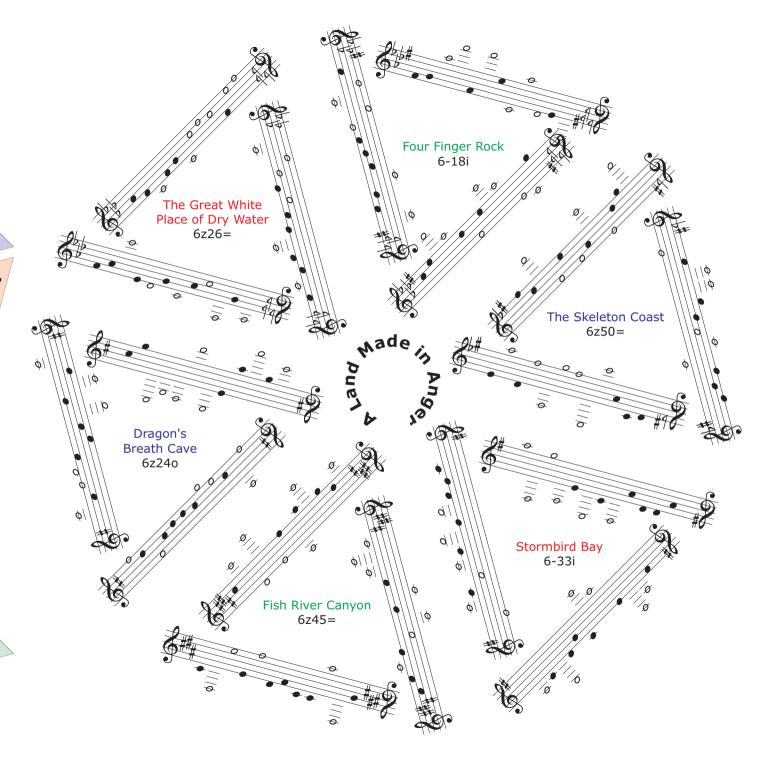


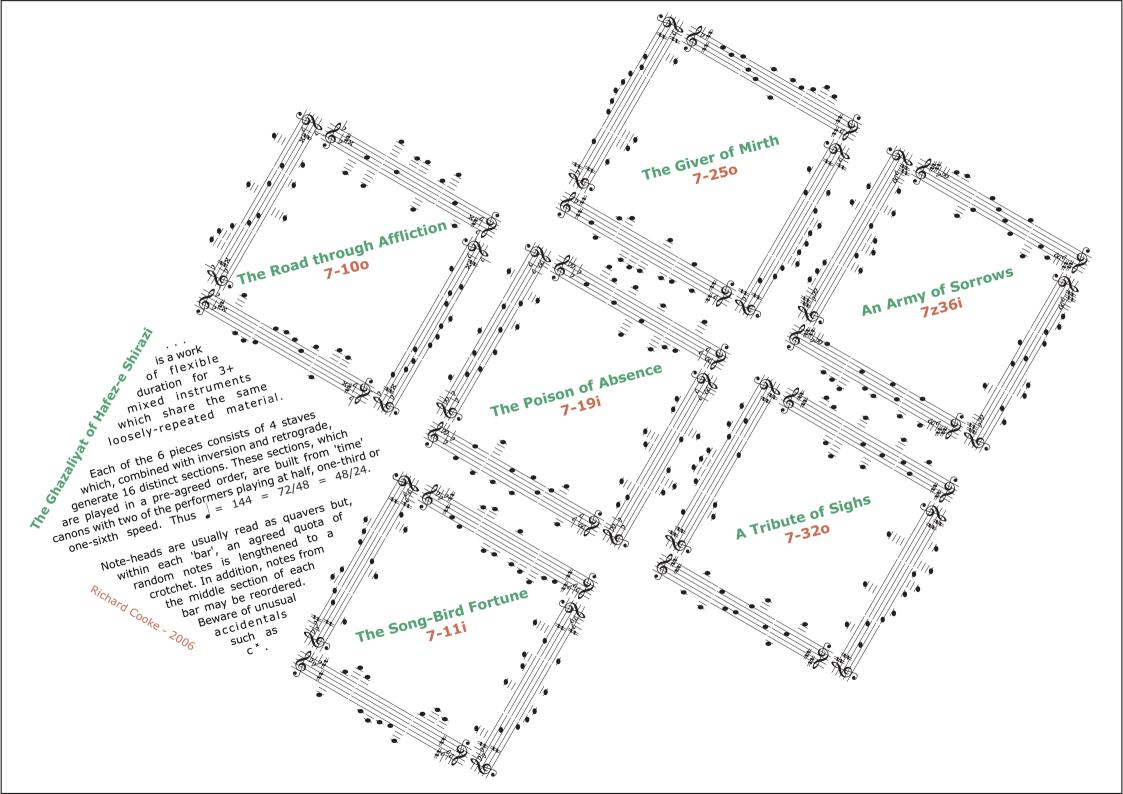
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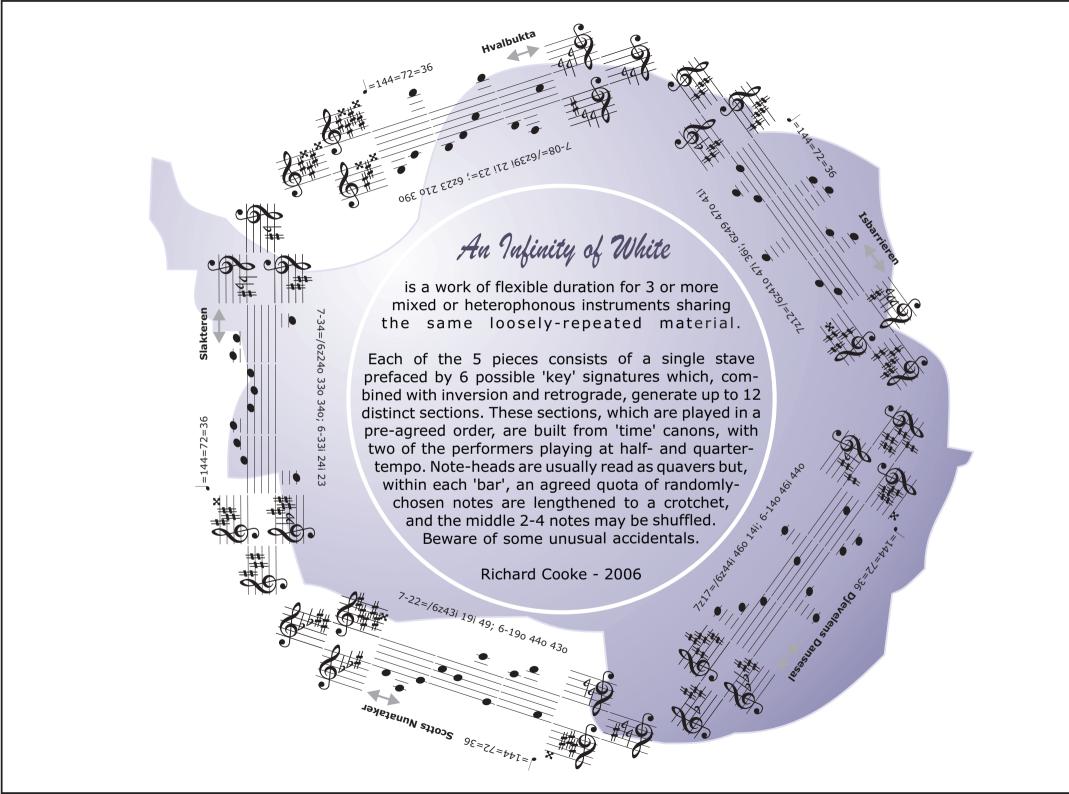
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Richard Cooke - 2007







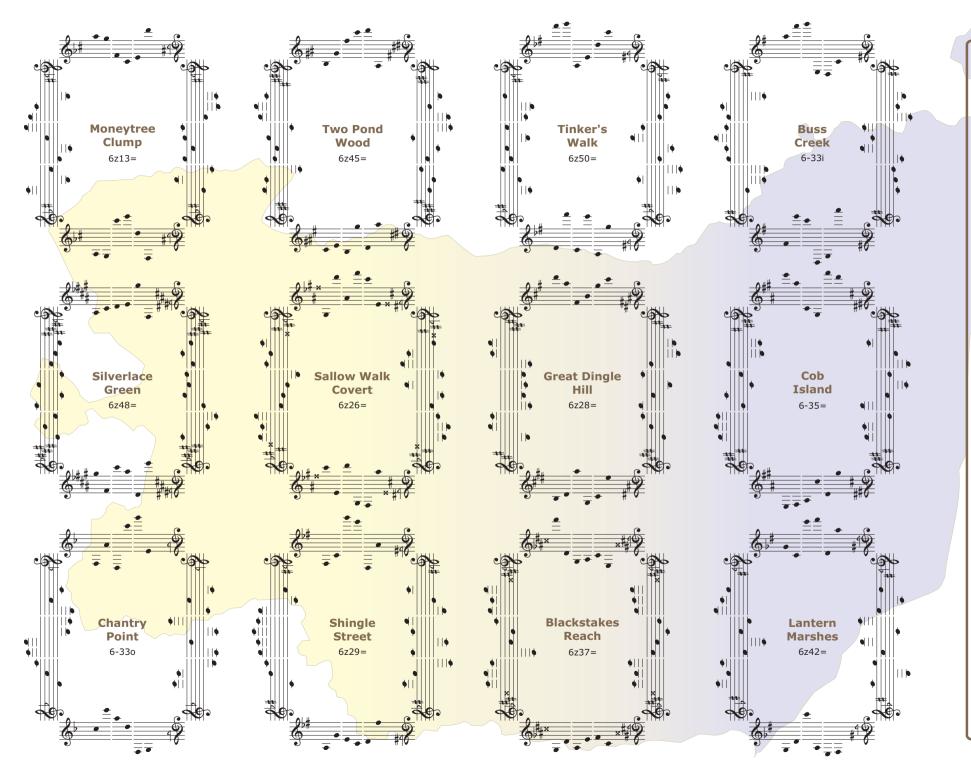
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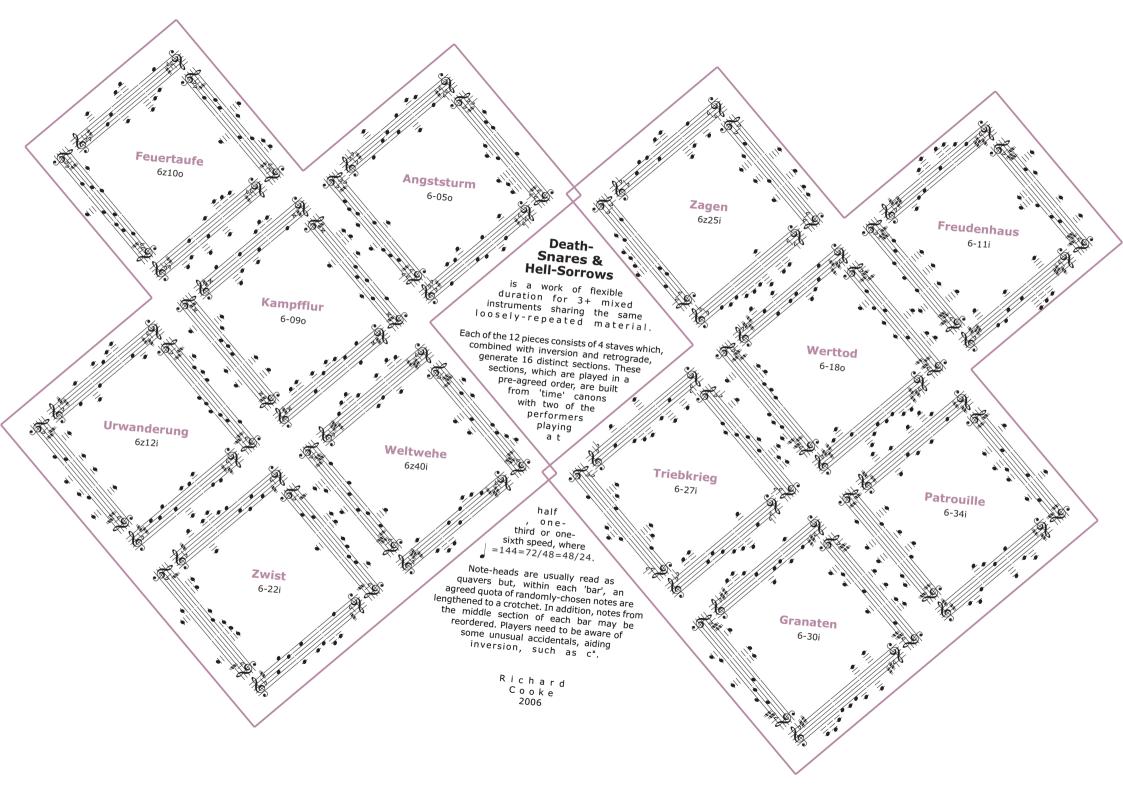
Each of the 12 pieces consists of 4 staves which, combined with inversion

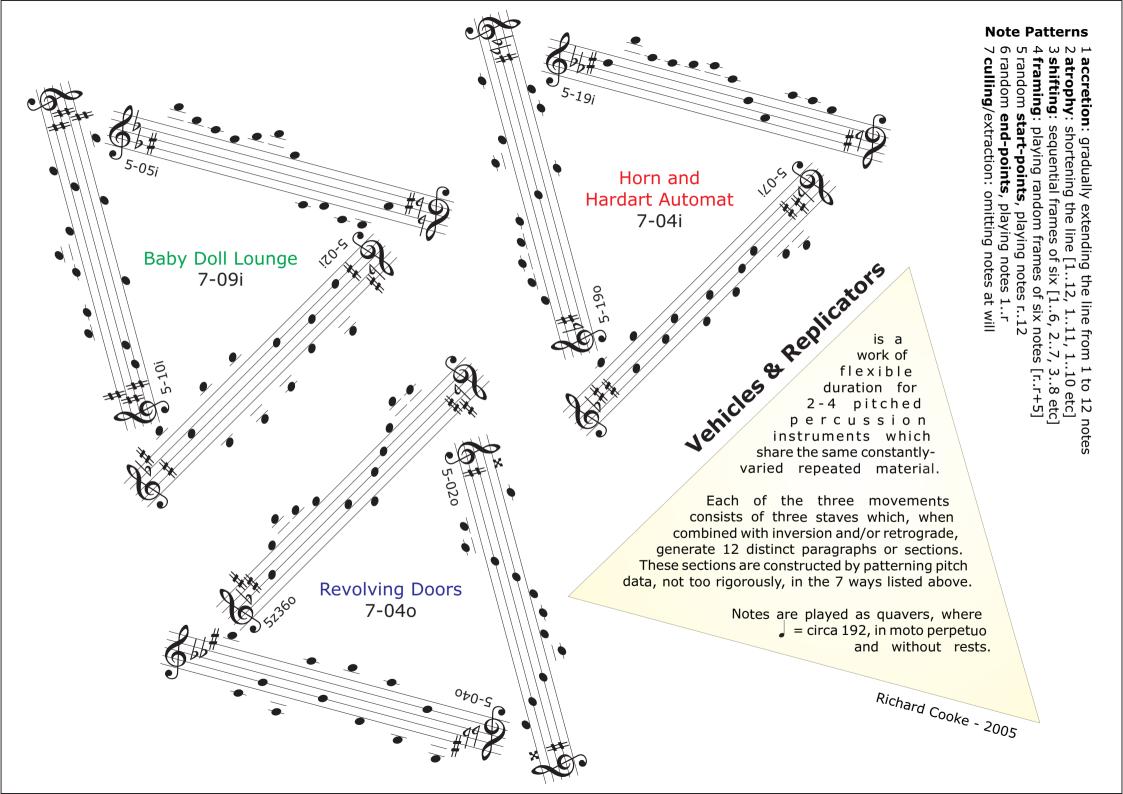
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Tales from a Time of Disturbance

is an 8-movement work of flexible duration for 2-4 string and percussion instruments which share the same constantly-varied repeated material.

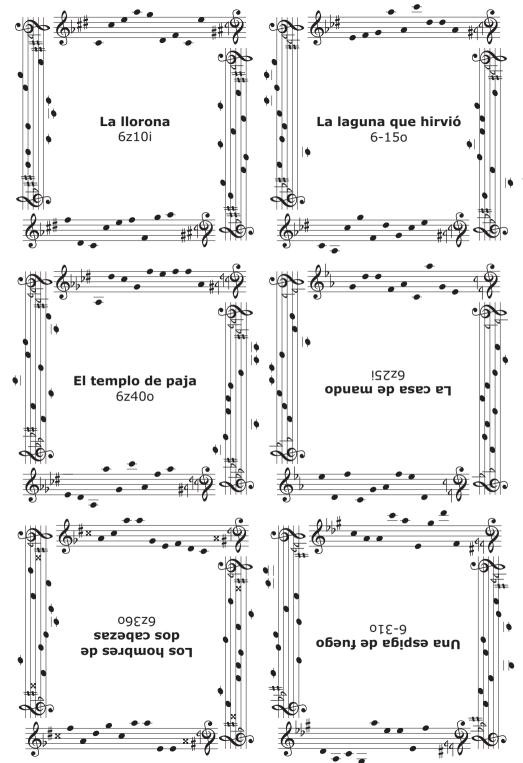
Each movement consists of 4 staves which, combined with inversion and retrograde, generate 16 distinct sections. Played in a pre-agreed order, these sections are built up by patterning pitch data in a variety of

1 accretion: gradually extending the line [1, 1..2, 1..3 etc] 2 atrophy: gradually shortening the line [1..9, 1..8, 1..7, 1..6] 3 random start-point: play notes n..9 4 random end-points [1..n] 5 framing: random frames of 4-6 notes each [r..r+n] 6 shifting: sequential frames of 4-6 [1..4>6..9 or 1..6>4..9 or 1..5>5..9] 7 culling: omitting notes at will

Notes are played as quavers, where $= \pm 192$, in moto perpetuo without rests.

Richard Cooke - 2005







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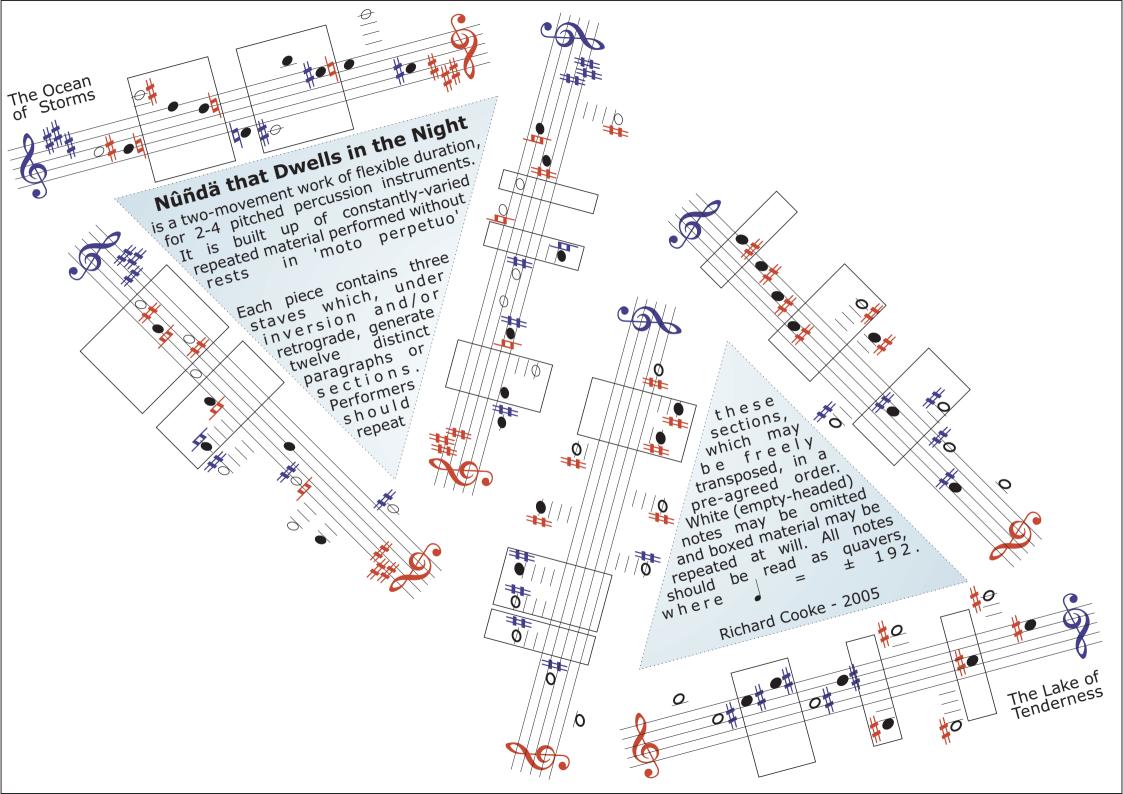
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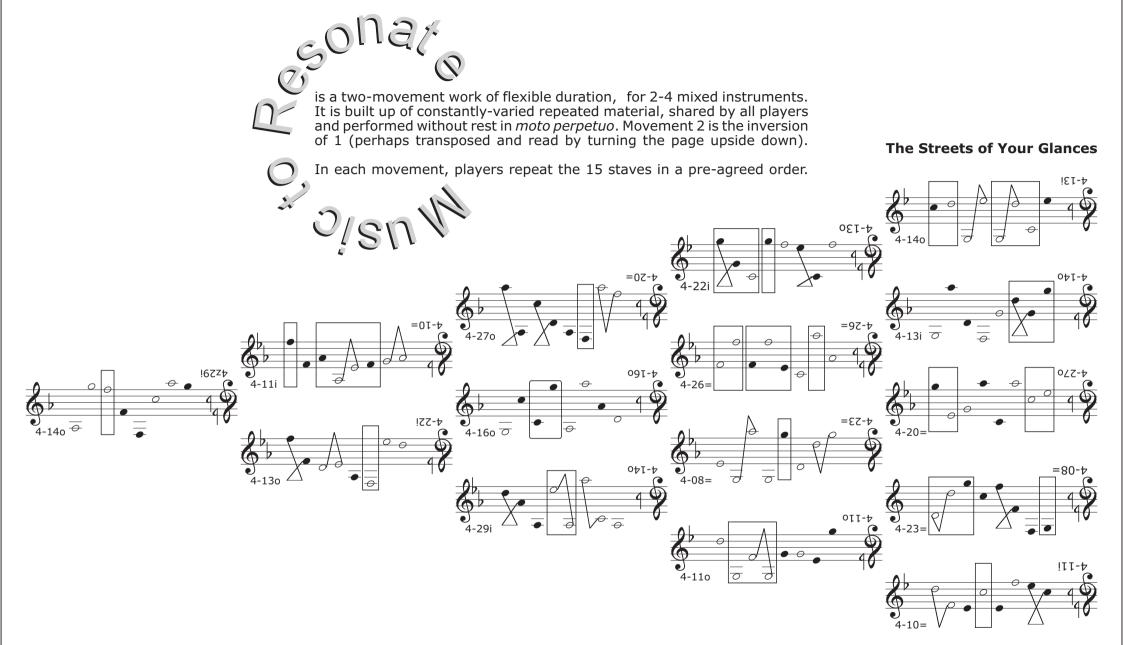
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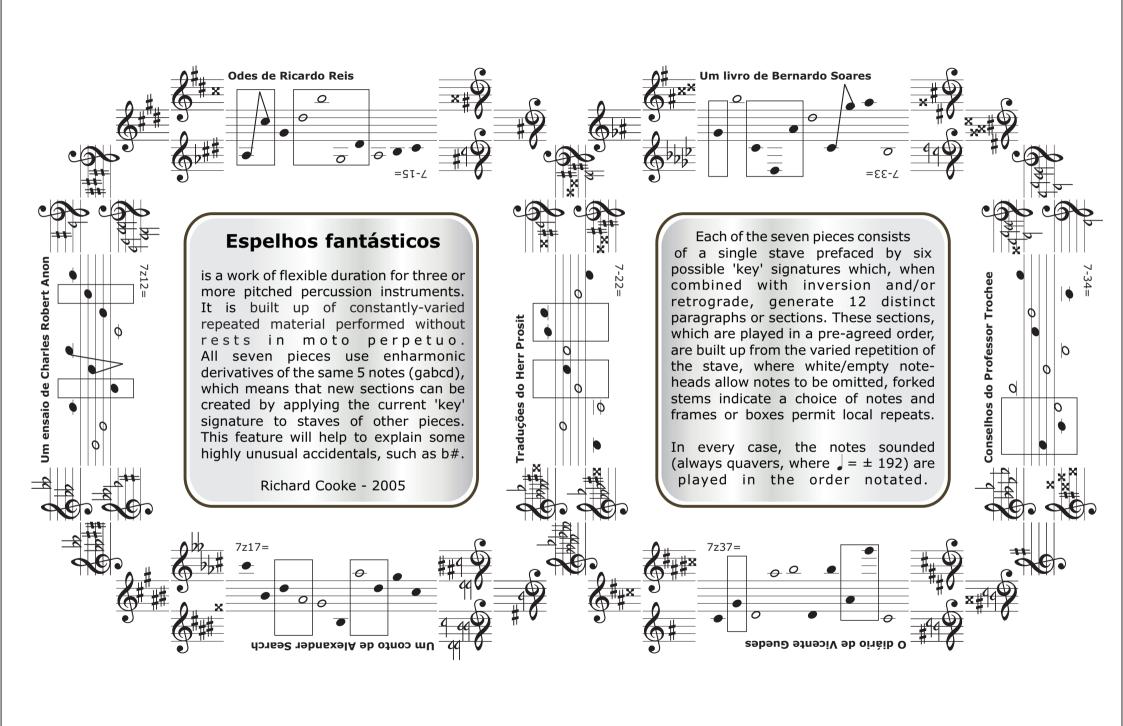
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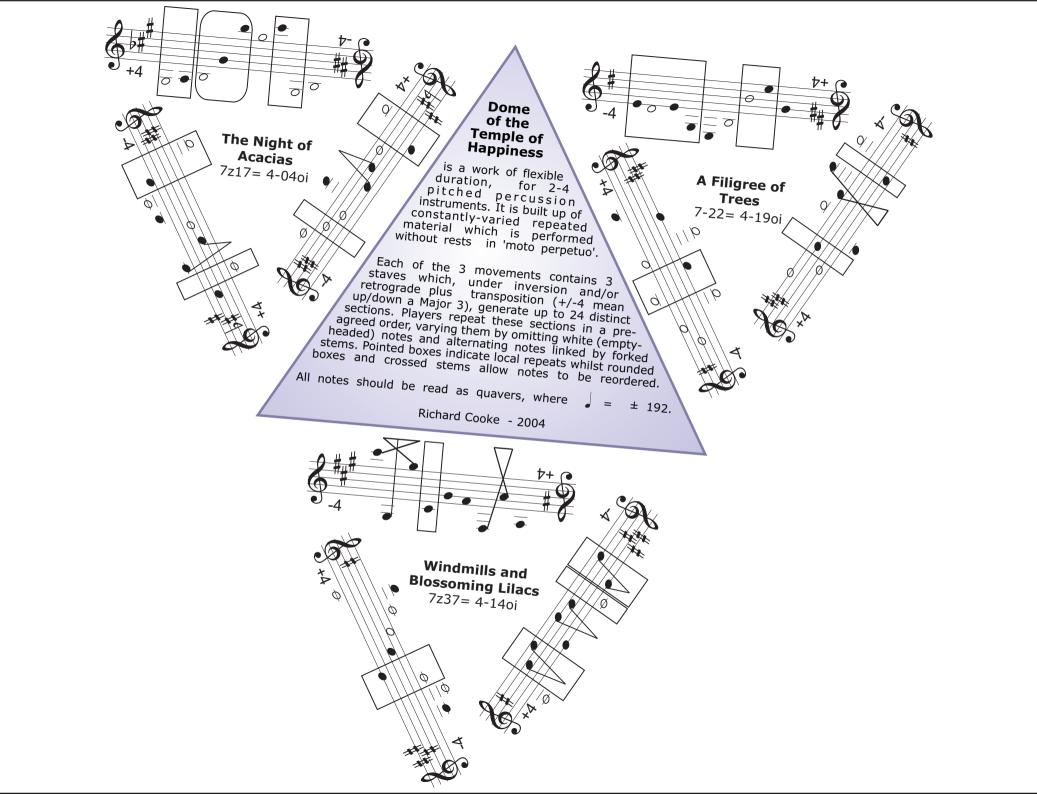


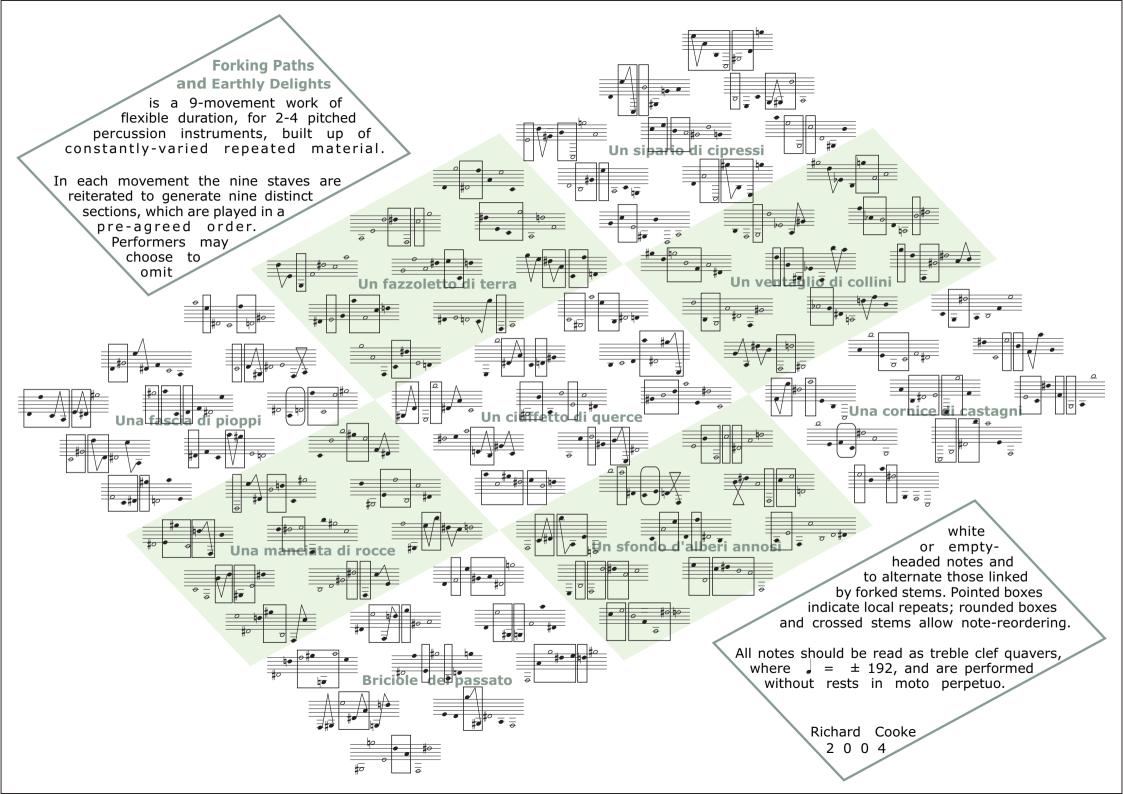


They may also electro omit 'white' (empty-headed) notes and to alternate notes linked by forked stems. Pointed boxes indicate local repeats; rounded boxes and crossed stems allow notes to be reordered. Within a movement, a stave may also be played in retrograde (from right to left).

The Woods of Our Meeting







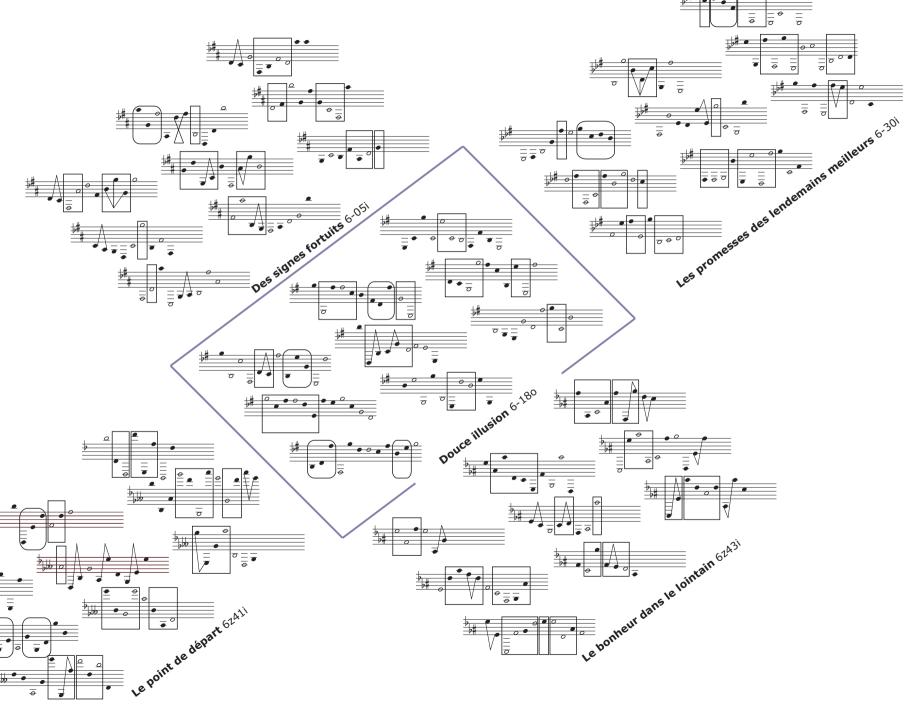
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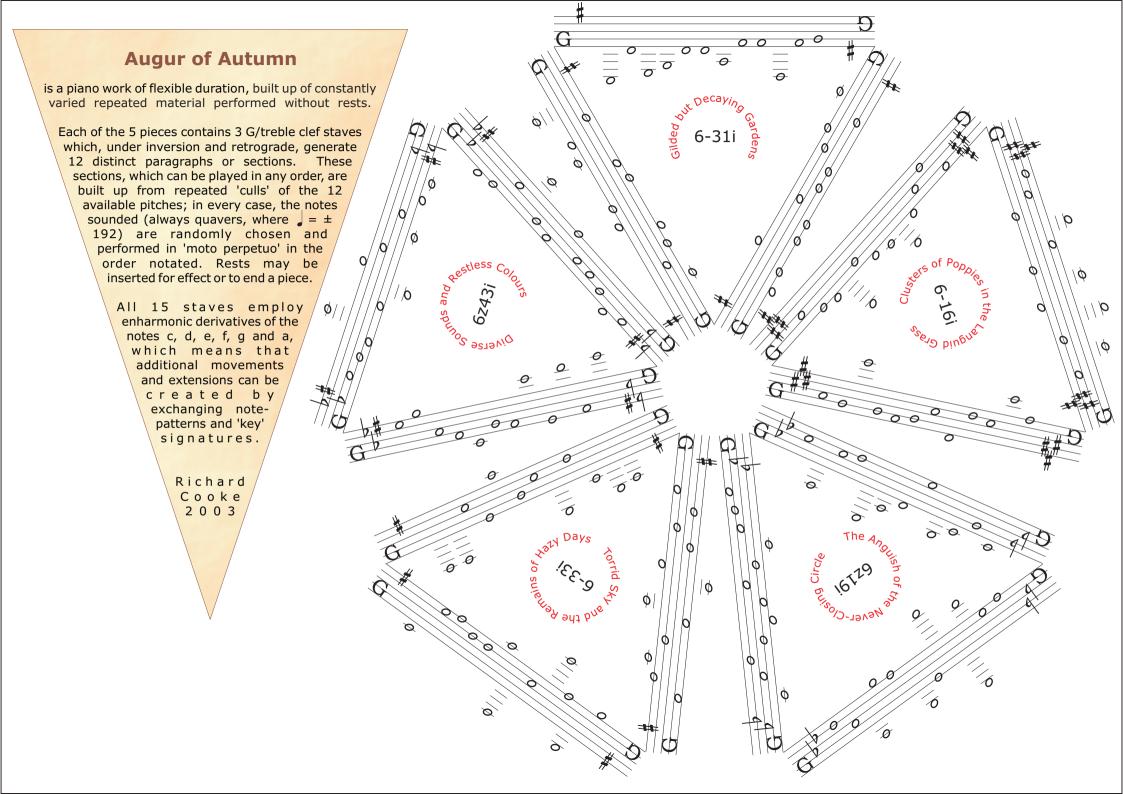
is a five-movement work of flexible duration, scored for 2-3 pitched percussion instruments and built up of constantly-varied repeated material.

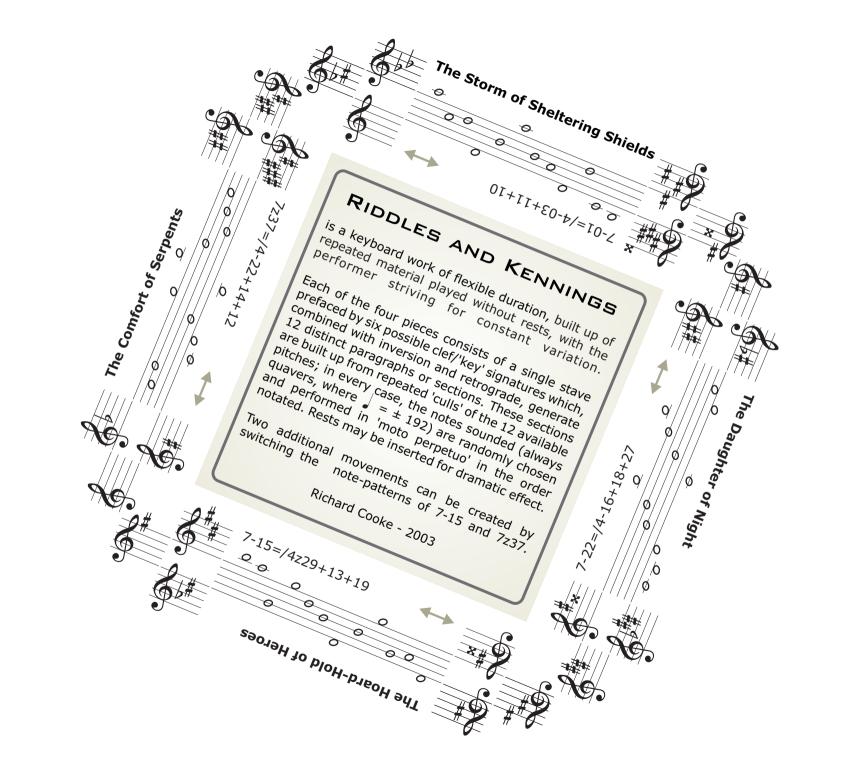
In each movement, players perform the 9 staves in a pre-agreed order. They may also elect to omit 'white' (empty-headed) notes and to alternate notes linked by forked stems. Pointed boxes indicate local repeats; rounded boxes and crossed stems allow notes to be reordered.

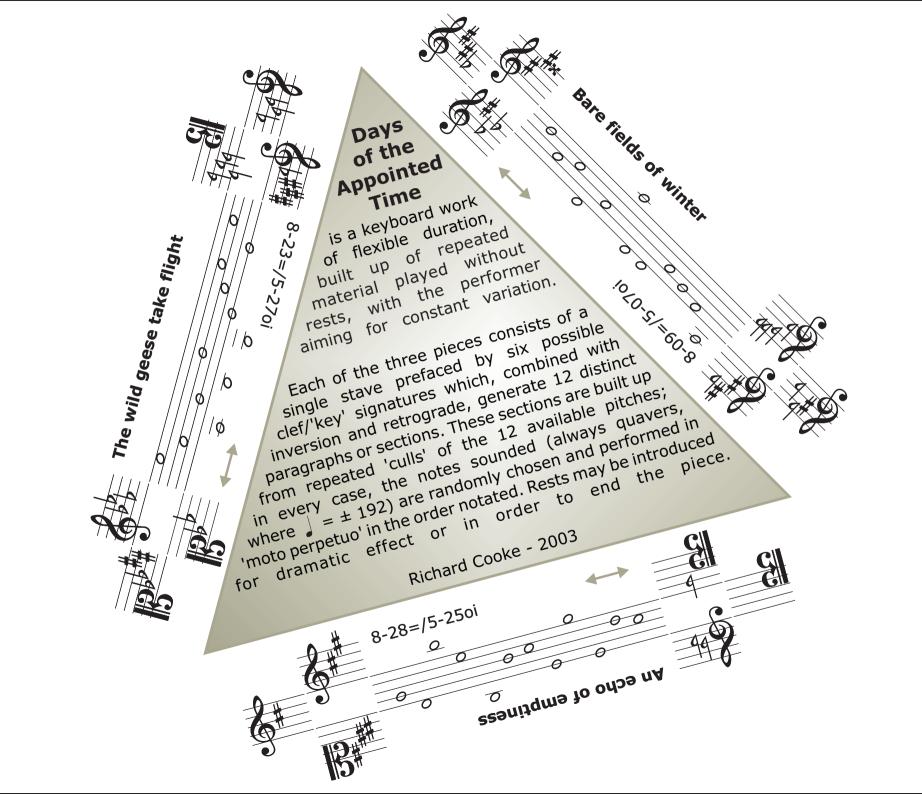
All notes should be read as treble clef quavers, where = ± 192, and performed without rests in 'moto perpetuo'. Staves may be transposed up or down a tritone without affecting the global harmony, pc set 8-09.

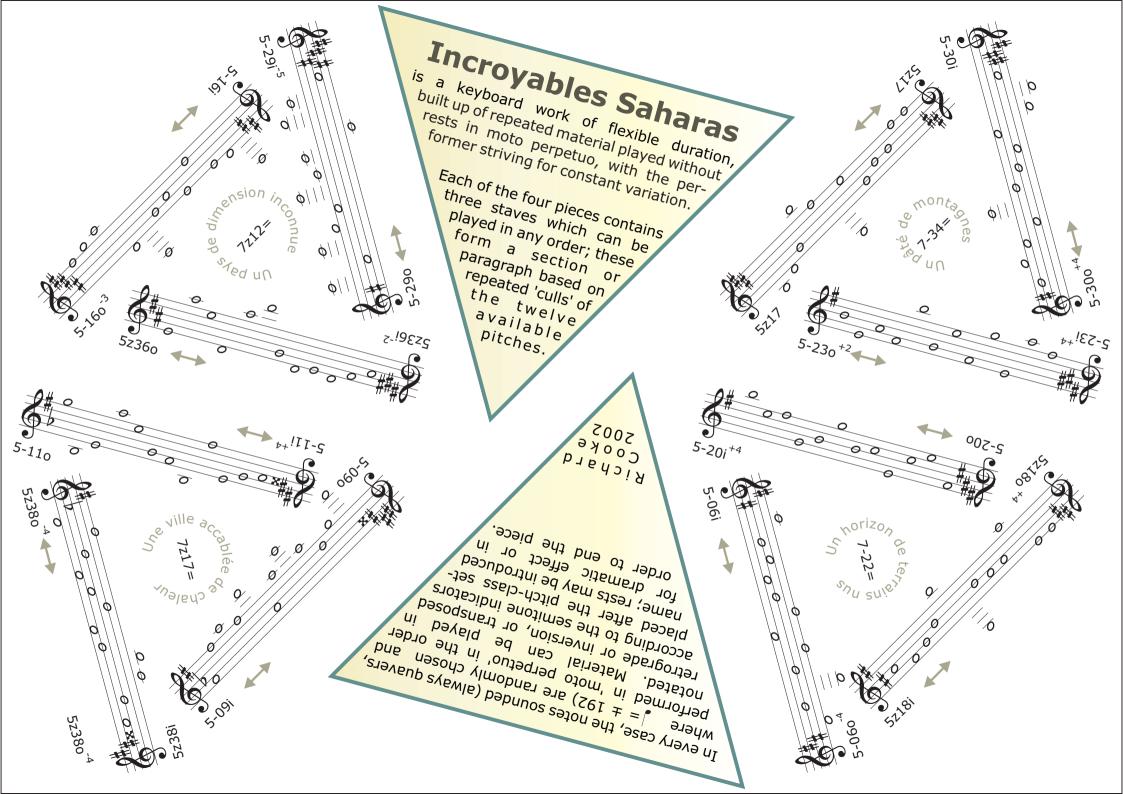
Richard Cooke 2004

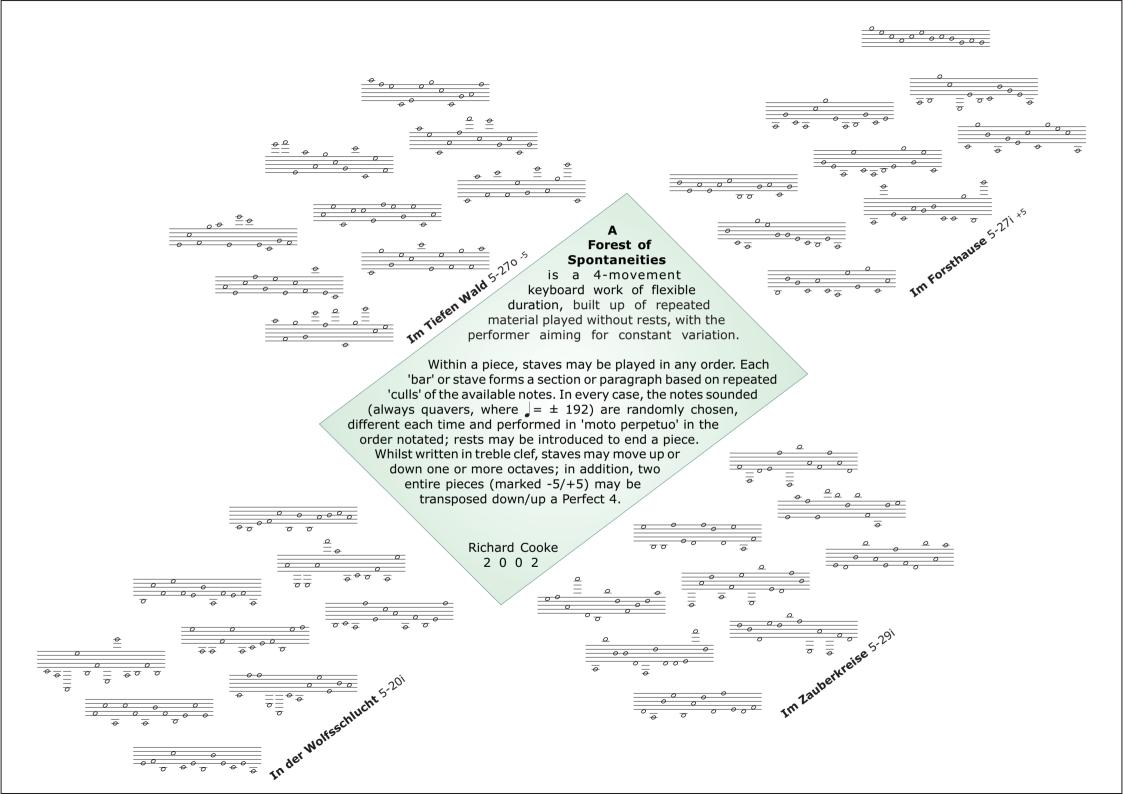


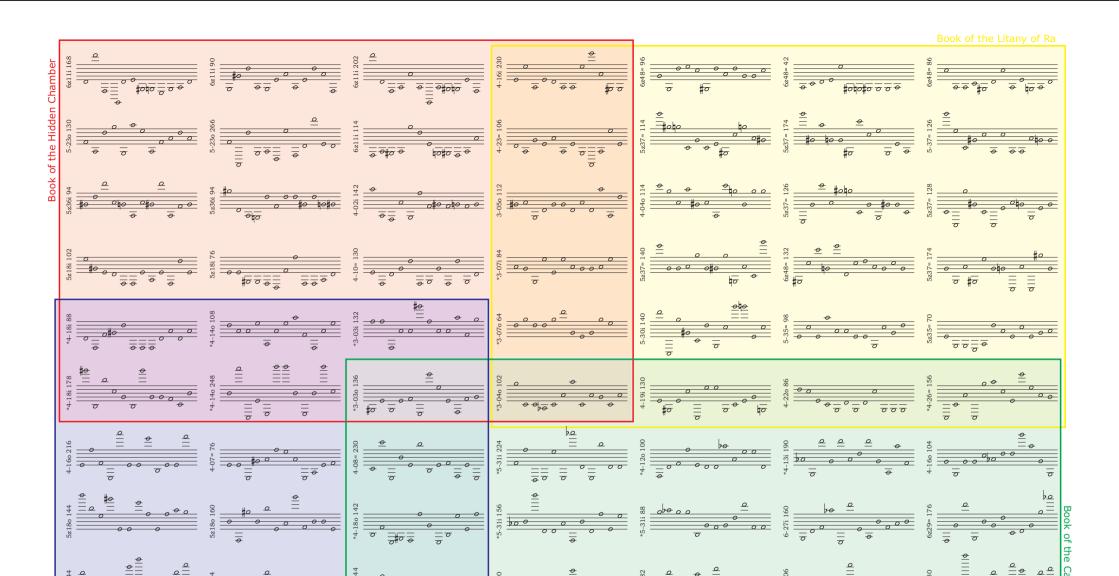












Book of the Coming Forth by Day

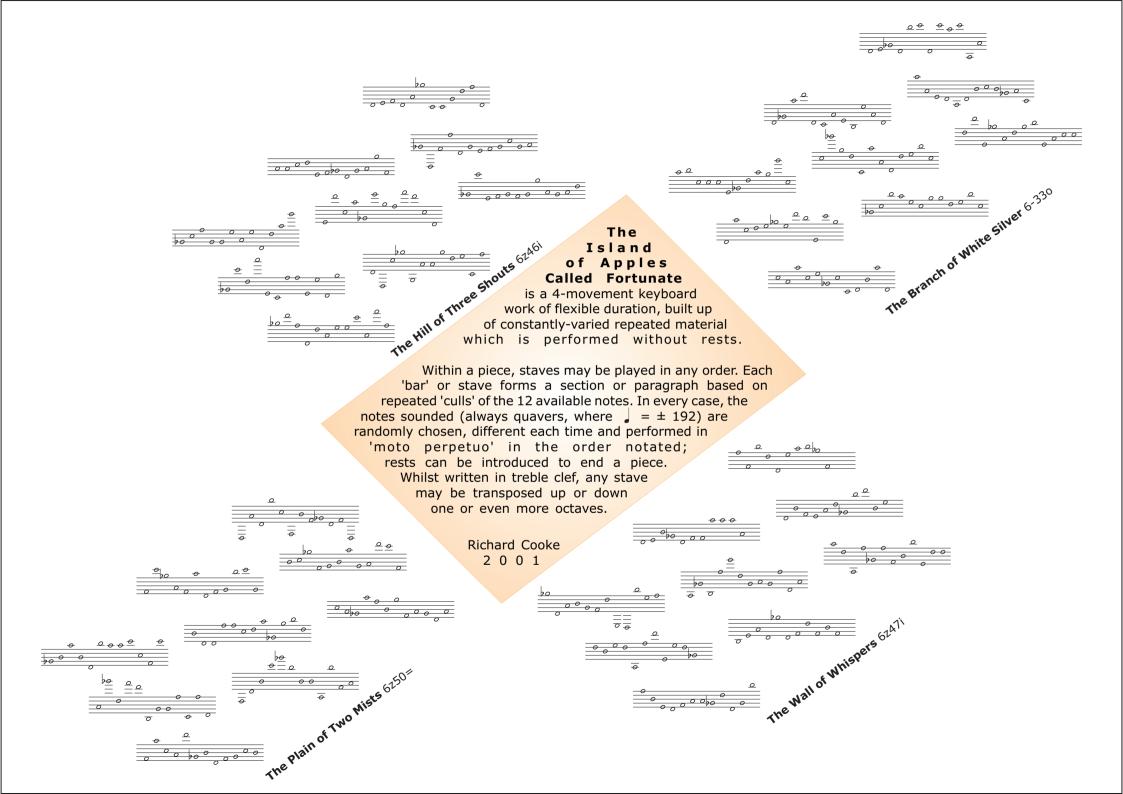
Hieroglyphs & Spells is a four-movement work of variable duration for solo keyboard. Each piece or 'book' contains 15-24 staves, some of which they share, as shown above by the overlapping frames. Other page divisions are permissible and might take titles such as Book of Gates or Book of the Celestial Cow.

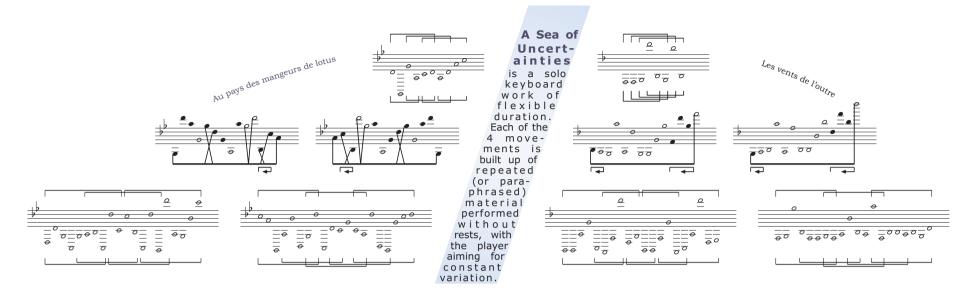
Each 'bar' or stave builds up into a section or paragraph based on repeated 'culls' of the available notes. In every case, the notes sounded (always quavers, where $=\pm 192$) are randomly chosen, different each time and performed in 'moto perpetuo' in the order notated. Rests may be inserted to end a piece.

Within a piece, staves may be played in any order, but it is good to juxtapose material at a different level/register or with contrasting 'sweep' (the distance in semitones from the lowest to highest note) and 'turbulence' (the total in semitones, shown after the pc setname, of leaps between consecutive notes).

Whilst written in treble clef, staves may move up or (especially) down one or more octaves. Seventeen staves, indicated by an asterisk in front of the pitch-class set-name, may be transposed by smaller intervals, provided that the global harmony remains consistent.

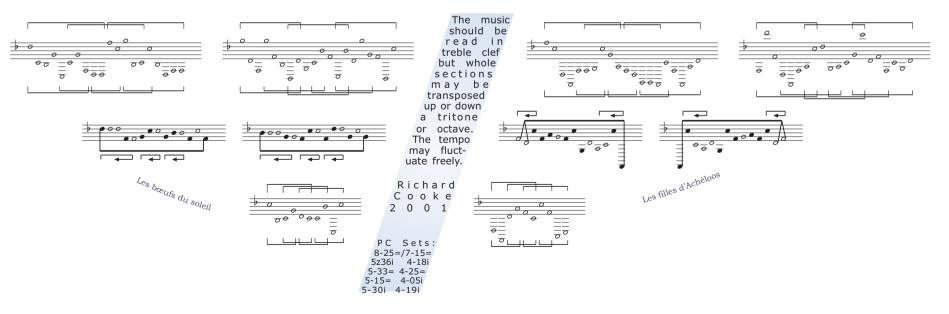
Richard Cooke, 2001



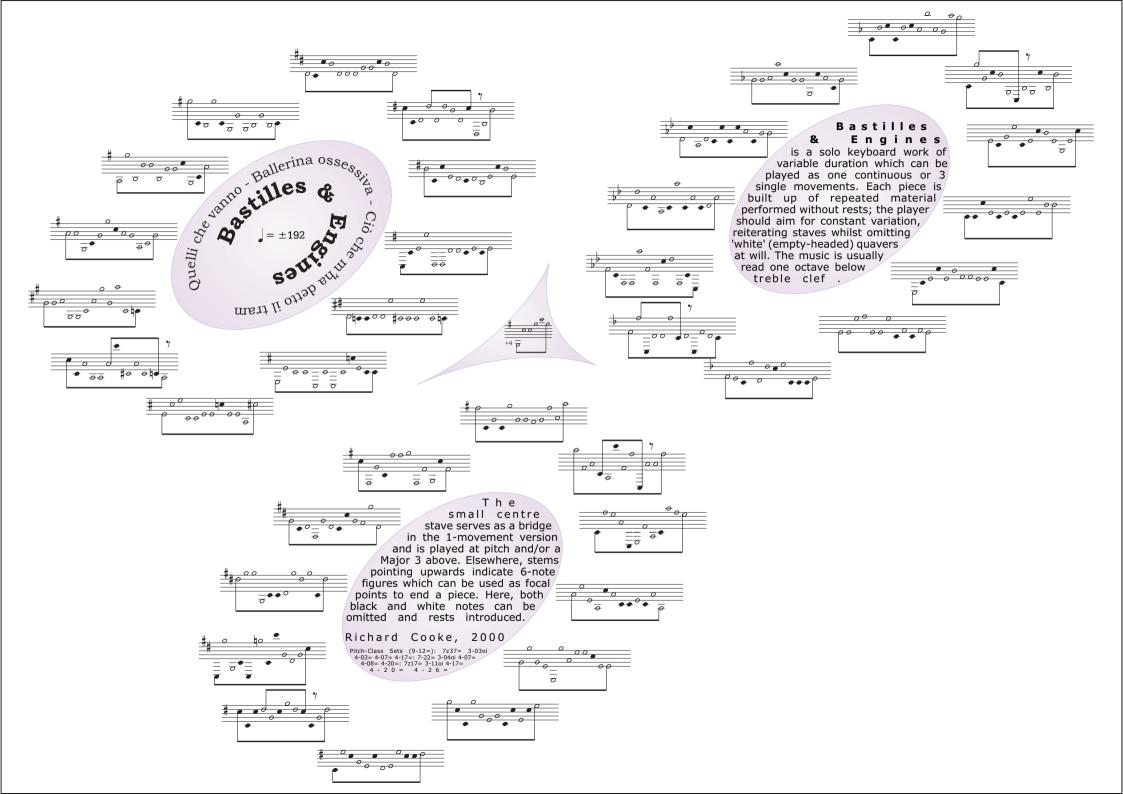


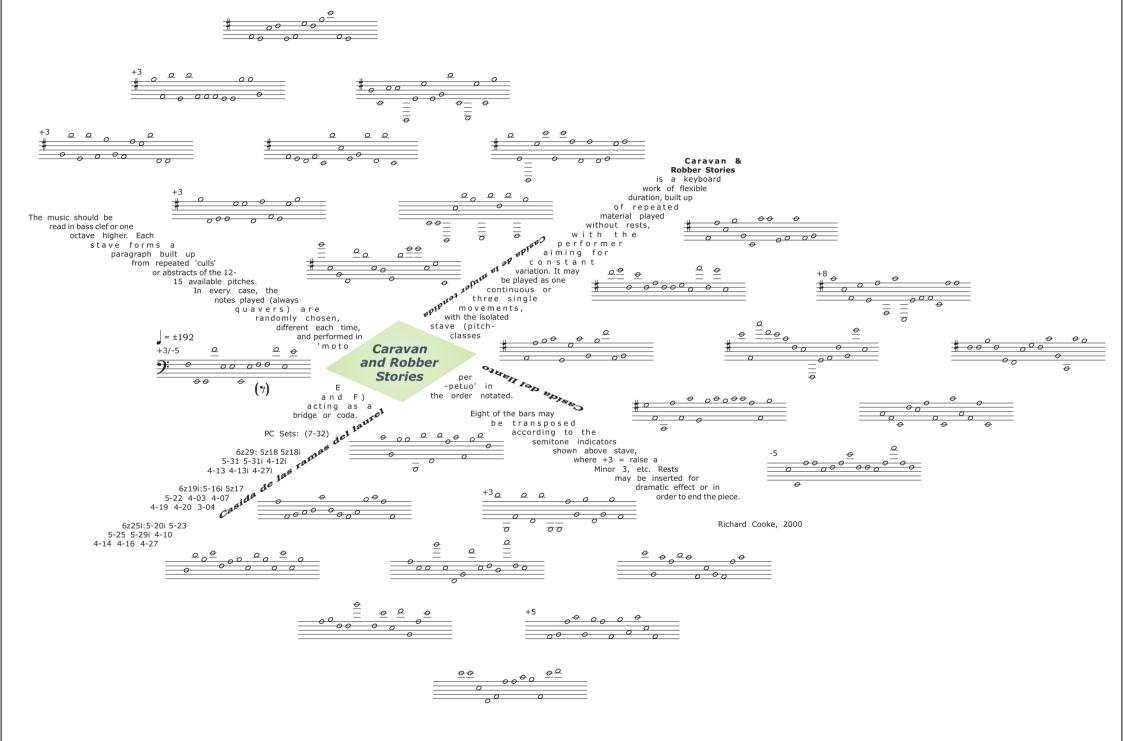
The 5 staves of each piece comprise 2 types of material. The middle staves contain 'black' quavers which are always played and 'white' ones which may be omitted; where linked by forked stems, only one of the notes should sound. Crossed stems permit notes to be reordered whilst the 'loop' symbol indicates groups of 2 to 5 notes which are susceptible to further repetition.

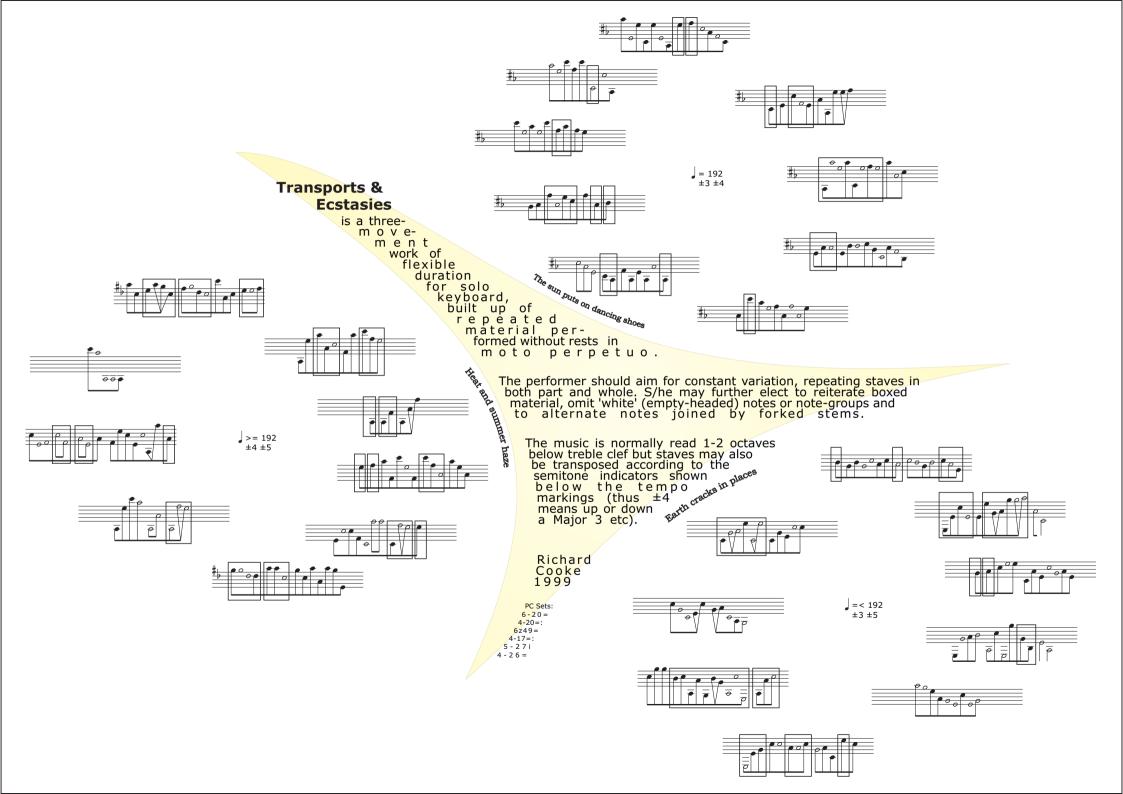
The outer staves consist of 'white' quavers only; roughly one-third of these should be omitted at each repetition, the notes played being randomly chosen and different each time. A stave may be read in its entirety or broken down into 3 to 5 segments as suggested by the beams above or below. On revisiting a stave, the performer should take care to employ a different type of segmentation.

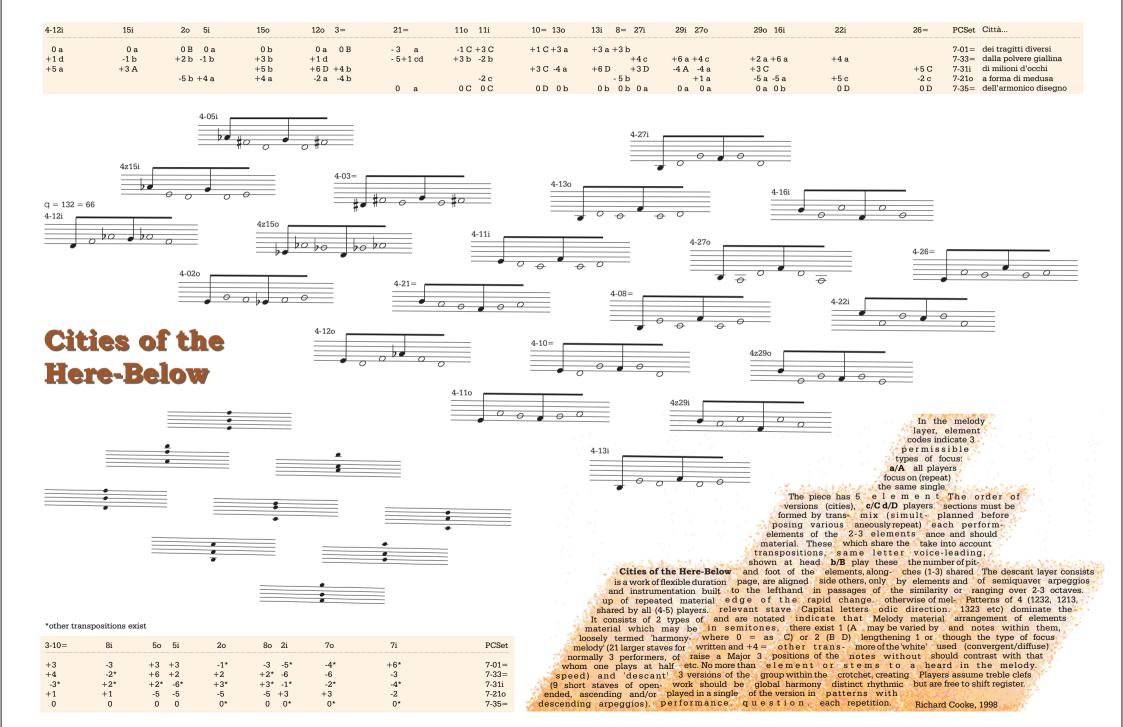


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A Corridor of Time

is a work of flexible duration and

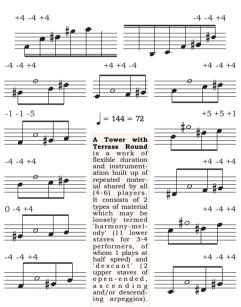
instrumentation, built up of repeated material shared by all (4-6) players. It is cast in terms of 3 basic movements ('carriages'), each of which is composed of 2 starkly contrasting types of texture. Lower stave material is percussive; players are synchronised and continually repeat phrases in part or whole. The 3 longer staves are quasi-improvised, with randomly-placed snatches of melody embodying pronounced (de)crescendos. The overall sound-world suggests a train hastening through a landscape of mysterious objects.

Each stave allows (usually) 4 different harmonies since forked-stemmed note pairs permit a choice of pitches: players should stay with their selection for several repetitions. Elsewhere, note-groups with 'empty' note-heads may be optionally omitted. Harmonically, the work explores pitch-class sets closely related to, whilst not included in, the whole-tone scale. New movements may be created by transposing the whole of movement 2 down a Major 2 or upper parts of other movements up or down a tone (+2 or

-2, as shown). Players should assume treble clefs throughout but they are free to shift octave/register.

Pitch-Class Sets: (8-21) 7-08 7-33 7-34

 $= \pm 132$ 5-09oi -13oi -24oi -26oi -28oi -30oi 4-11oi -19oi z15oi z29oi 3-04oi -05oi 5-08 -09oi -13oi -26oi -28oi 4-02oi -05oi -12oi -19oi 3-02oi -03oi 5-34 -24oi -26oi -28oi -30oi 4-16oi -19oi -22oi -27oi 3-07oi -11oi



set of transpositions. of refrain. up to 4 quaver beats.

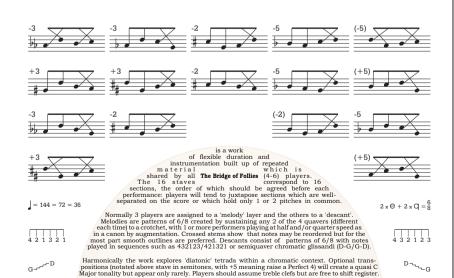
The 11 tetrads of the The order of The 11 mini-melodies are melody layer combine to sections for the seldom repeated within a create a 7-note harmonic entire piece must part: instead, performers field which, through a be agreed before link them into 'super' series of transpositions, each perform-melodies, playing them transforms into 3 other ance. The more or less in the order fields. Transpositions are original (zero) shown on the score, readnotated above stave in transpositions ing clockwise but starting semitones (+4 = raise a should be seen as at different points of the Major 3 etc) and for each the most cycle. Empty note-heads new section of the piece important, with without stems indicate players together move on this section that these notes should be to the first, second or third acting as a kind sustained for anything

The descant layer should be seen as Harmonically the work explores pc sets essentially decorative. Arpeggios may be played in either normal or triplet semiquavers and range over several octaves. treble clef but are free to shift register.

Carnival of Poetry and Lies duration and instru- move through the mentation built up of material independently but repeated material shared by all they should always change (3-6) players. It consists of 3 types section together. of material which may be loosely termed 'harmony' (8 inner stayes Descant and melody layers are essenassigned to 2 percussion instruments), tially decorative. They employ independent 'descant' and 'melody' (top and bottom tempi (crotchet = 192 and 108 respectively) but choice of pitches and transpositions staves) should reflect the harmony of the The 8 tetrads current section. Crossed stems of the harin the descant indicate that only 1 of the 3 notes should be played and, mony layer comin the melody, that bine to create a the 2 notes may 7 - n o t e sound in either order h a rmonic The harmonfield ic structure which. of the piece through may be a series of = 144 likened to transposia kaleidotransforms scope into 6 other with new fields. These sections formed transpositions are notated by shiftabove stave in ing and recomsemitones (+4 = raise a Major 3 etc) bining and where there is a e l e ments. choice (ie -5 -2 +1 +4), the 2 players make different The harmonic selections. The resulting aggregate harmonies underpin the various sections of the piece and need to be 3 pitch-classes (A C agreed before each performance: the original and E) as if the piece is examining A Minor (zero) transpositions are the most importonality from seven different viewpoints consti- Players should assume treble clefs but tant since the section they tute acts as a kind of refrain, are free to shift octave/register. Empty note-heads in the harmony show dyad pairs that 7-160 7-19i 7-25i 7-28i: can be omitted to cre- 5 - 3 1 o i: 4 - 1 2 o i ate a hybrid 4-13oi 4-18oi

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which permit performers choice in the shaping and ordering of events



Pitch-Class Sets 8-01: 4-8 4-29oi 4-13oi 4-21 4-16oi 4-11oi 4-10 4-14oi 4-22oi 4-23

Pitch-Class Sets (9-12): 7-22 7-17 7-260i: 5-320i: 4-3 4-7 4-17 4-20 4-2 4-150i 4-180i 4-270i

Richard A House of Many Mansions

Harmonically the work explores pitch-class sets which include large numbers of major and minor triads; triads

A House of Many Mansions is a work of flexible duration are linked by shared notes and movement and instrumentation for up to 6 players sharing the same repeated material. The House consists of 4 basic 'rooms' or movements each of which is cast in terms of 3 layers; be by Major 3. Players these layers occupy 3 lines of staves which may be viewed (from bottom to top) as harmony, melody & descant. should assume treble

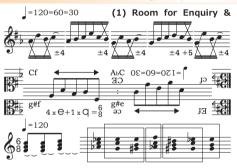
between them tends to

A mansion is defined as the performance of any number of

rooms in any order. New rooms may be created by either moving elements

(especially descants and the rhythmic motors of harmony layers) between rooms, by omitting whole layers or by transposing an entire room up or down a Major 3. (This will not affect the global harmony.)

clefs unless otherwise indicated but are free to transpose any of the material into other registers. Room numbers follow the text so that the top right-hand window is Room 4; the numbering reflects dates of composition and does not imply an order of performance.



Notation Guide

The scores of all 4 Rooms/movements employ a number of devices which permit material to be varied or extended: Multiple Metronome markings: performers may play at half or even 1/4 speed, as in a canon by augmentation Empty note-heads: the note or note-group may be omitted Semi-attached ties: the preceding note may be sustained Broken ties: the tie may either be observed or ignored Crossed stems: the notes may be played in either order Bracketed repeats: preceding note-groups can be repeated Expanding/contracting boxes: (harmony and descant of Room 2) the line grows progressively longer or shorter Broken beams: (melody of Room 2) the line accumulates notes in the sequence 1, 1-2, 1-3, etc, with repetitions

In the melody layer of Room 1, players are expected to fit 5 notes into a 6/8 pattern by lengthening one note (different each time) to a crotchet. Double-arrow-headed lines show that a melody may also be played in retrograde. Other devices in melody layers force a change of harmony: **Inversions** (Room 1, revealed by upturning the page) Alternative clefs (found in Rooms 1 and 4) Alternative 'key' signatures (viz. Rooms 3 and 4)

The various fragments of descant layers can be transposed: these optional transpositions are shown below stave in held for 2 beats (hence the semitones, thus +4 = raise a Major 3, -5 = lower a Perfect 4, time signature 2...5/8)

Harmony Lavers (usually 2 players)

motor with (usually) 2 triads taken from the stave to the right. In Rooms 1 and 4, players should choose pairs linked by one of the 4 boxes and in Room 3 any 2 triads which are not juxtaposed on the stave. In these 3 rooms respectively, 10, 7 and 9 combinations of chords are permissible, each producing a distinct 5-note harmonic field. These harmonic fields define the various sections of a room or movement and the order of sections within rooms

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An upward movement of triads is generally preferable (thus in Room 1, E-f rather than f-E), but the most important thing is consistency. In Rooms 1 and 3, chords are held for up to 4 quaver beats (as shown by unattached ties) in order to create the effect of 6/8 or 7/8 respectively. In Room 4, players share the same basic 5/8-5/4 pattern but they move onto the second chord at a point (articulation) in the 'bar' of their own choosing.

Room 2 has only 4 harmonic fields (usually consisting of 6 pitches): aFfE, Ec#DbA plus 2 sets of any 3 triads which exclude E Major. The rhythmic motor builds up cumulatively, with the 3-4 triads played in the sequence A, aB, abC, (abcD); the last chord of each group (capitalised) is

Melody Lavers (1-3 players)

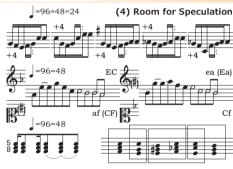
Harmony layers are formed by combining a rhythmic Melodies closely follow the pre-agreed sections of the harmony layer and should not include pitches foreign to the current harmony. Each room is characterised by a distinct melodic shape which undergoes harmonic transformation, often the result of changes of clef and/or 'key' signature. Note that in Room 1 there are only 8 melodies for 10 harmonic fields (not AbE or g#c) and, in Room 4, 6 melodies for 7 triad-pairs (Ef excluded); sections without melodies are nevertheless important as they may must be agreed by players before each performance. serve as interludes or introductory/concluding passages.

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(2) Room for Justice & The divergent 'key' signatures for Room 3 are summarised in the table below right. Any of the 9 basic melodies may appear at any of 5 levels or transmutations (starting on different degrees of the 'scale') but players should not mix levels within any one section and should be prepared for unusual 'key' signature combinations (eg $E_b + F_b + G\#$). The table gives an example of how sections may be ordered and suitable levels chosen.

The 4 cumulative melodies (3) Room for Rhetorical of Room 2 result from reading either upper or lower note-stems of the 2 basic shapes. The 2 longer (right-hand) melodies link to the 2 boxed groups of 4 triads (hence the long upper stemmed shape to the left-hand box) whilst the shorter (left-hand)



Descant Layers (1-3 players)

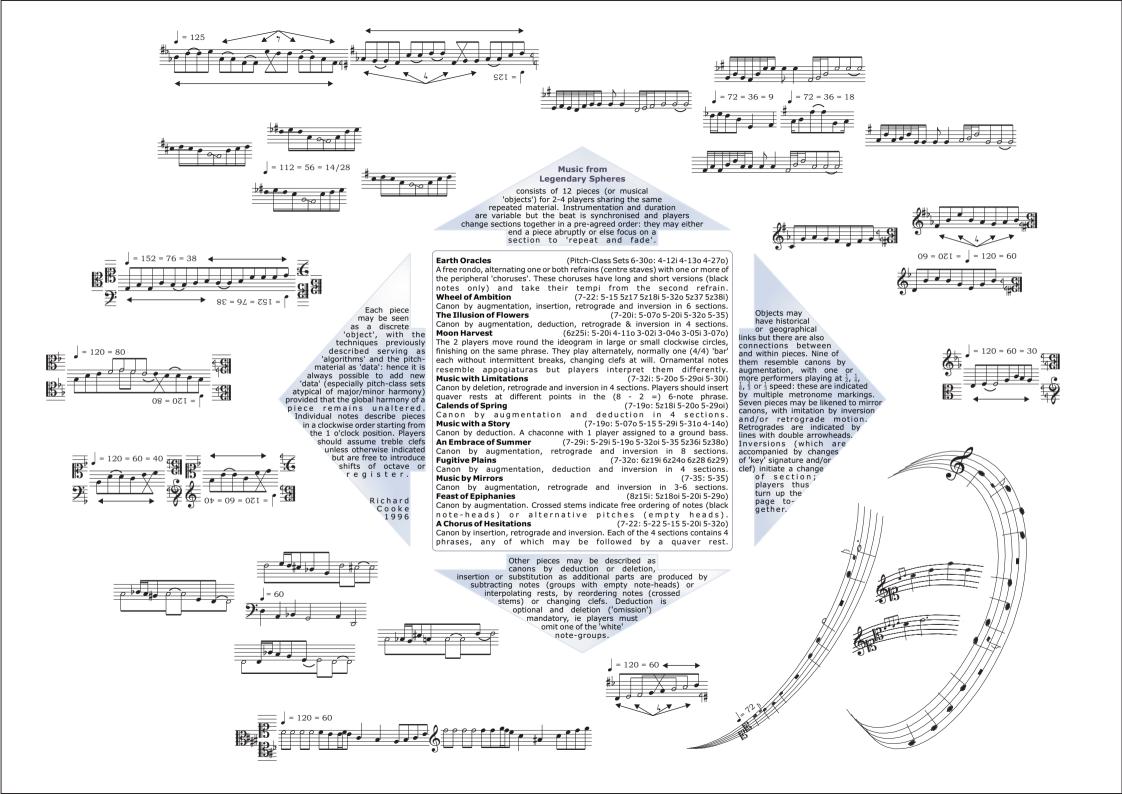
The various fragments of descant may be performed in any order and, unlike melodies, do not need to match the harmony, especially when played at high registers. They are the elements most likely to 'migrate' to other rooms. Descant players should aim to exploit the full range of optional transpositions, notated below stave in semitones.

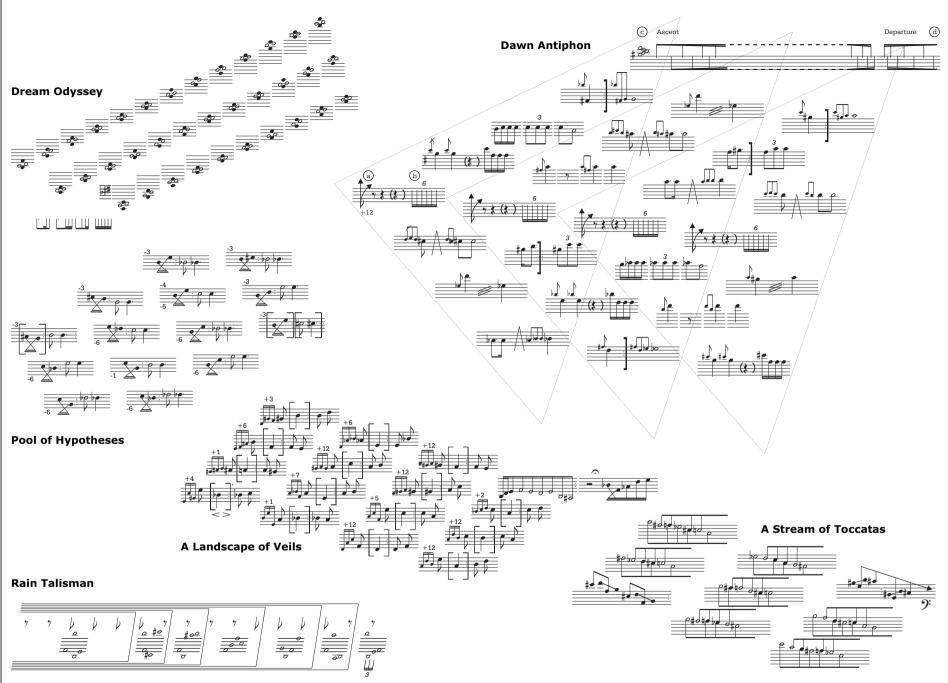
Room 3	cf	cF	CF	A_bF	Cf	ca	af	Аьа	АьС
Еь	3	3	X	3	x	3	x	3	3
Fь	X	x	X	x	x	3	x	3	3
Аь	3	x	X	x	3	X	x	X	3
G#	X	x	X	3	x	X	3	3	x
Level??	1	2	4	4	2	5	2	4	3

Example: Juxtaposing chords Ab + a in the harmony produces a 'key' signature Eb+Fb+G# in the melody. On Level 4, the melody will begin on C and end on G#.

Room Pitch-Class Sets

- 1 7-21o: 5-21oi -17 -22 -27i -32oi: 4-19oi -07 -20
- melodies accompany any 2 7-21i: 6-19i 6-44o 6-20=: 5-21oi: 4-19oi: 3-11oi set of 3 chords which does **3** 7-17: 5-17 -22 -34 -210i -270i -320i: 4-07 -20 -26
- not include E Major. 4 7-37: 5-17 5-22 5-21oi 5-27oi: 4-03 4-14oi





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Dream Odyssey 7-28i: 6-21o 6z17i 6-34i All players start at the bottom of the lowest ladder and make increasingly higher ascents of all 3, breaking off suddenly in mid-flight to return to the beginning. They should play triads of one white and two black notes. articulating them with the repeated rhythm shown in the bottom-left corner. During the course of the piece, there should be 2 coordinated ('triggered') returns to the bottom, the first leading into the centre ladder and the second into the top row of chords. Players may occasionally vary the order of rhythmic groups or 'blur' the rhythmic pattern by tying notes.

A Stream of Toccatas

8z29o: 6z42 z04 z28 z06 z45 z29 z48: 4z15o 4z29i

The main body of the work is built up of fast but fluctuating trill-tremoli (2 black notes) decorated by arabesques composed of either

- upper-stem notes only
- lower-stem notes only
- all notes

The slower opening section (left-most stave) serves as a refrain which may occur at any point in the piece whilst the first part of the concluding section (right-most stave) acts as a final focus. Crossed stems permit a free ordering of notes.

Pool of Hypotheses 8z29i: 6z42 6z28 6z29: non-involutions of set size 3 All players follow the same route through the material, repeating part and all of each fragment. Shape the piece into 3 episodes. observing transpositions above stave (mostly down a Minor 3) in part 2 and those below stave (usually a tritone) in part 3.

Rain Talisman 8z15i: 3-05oi 3-08oi This piece is built on a rhythmic ground (defined by increasingly larger boxes) which is read first in shifts of 5 (a b c d e, b c d e f .. I m n o p) and then 7, 8, 11, 13, 15 and 16. There are 7 harmonic fields, linked to these shift-cycles in a pre-agreed order and articulated by replacing guaver stems with semiquaver triplet figures derived from any 3 of the 4 pitches shown. Players may also interpolate figures from neighbouring cycles to echo or anticipate past or future events.

A Landscape of Veils

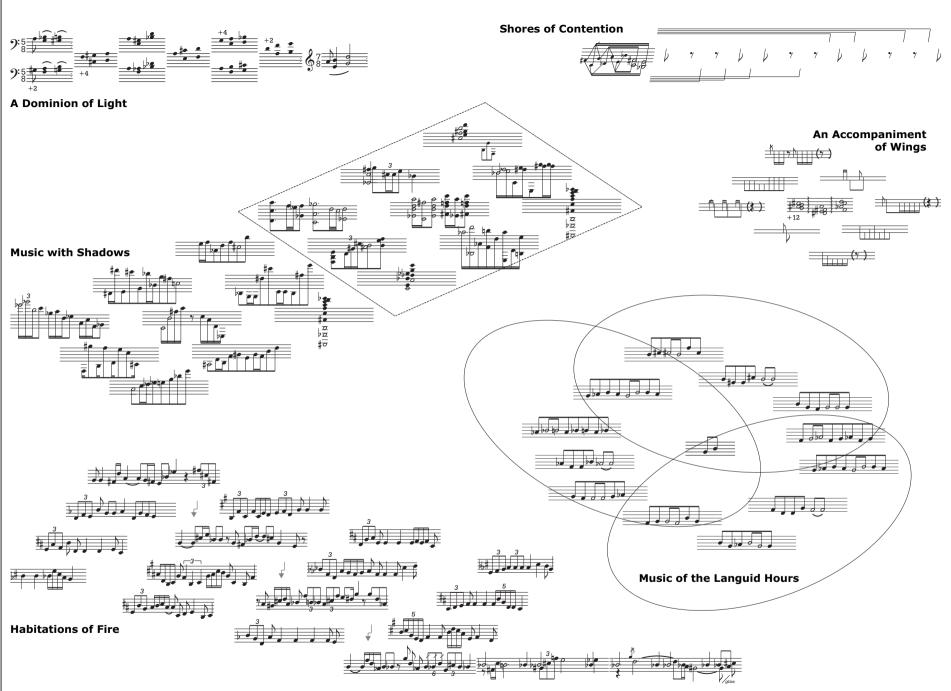
8z15o: 5-19i 5-28o: involutions of set size 4 Shape the piece in terms of 2-3 episodes, each focusing on the softly-repeated melodic pattern which appears just before the quasiunison final flourish. 'White' quavers may be omitted, whilst bracketed crotchets may be repeated up to a dozen times. Most staves may be transposed (+1 = up a semitone,etc) and these transpositions feature more prominently as the piece progresses.

Dawn Antiphon (12): 8z29i: 5-10i Loud and strongly marcato. Players start at the left and move through neighbouring fragments, playing different variations of each 'call' before proceeding to the next. There are 3 sections (marked by broken triangles), each culminating in an 'Ascent' and finally in an 'Ascent & Departure'. White quavers and brackets indicate material which may be omitted, whilst the overturned 'V' permits interpolations (derived from other calls) and broken staves invite reordering. Legend:

a use any pitch from nearby fragments b hit wood

c mix these 5 pitches, focusing on one d delicately colour in a second pitch (one player only)

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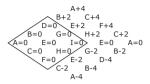
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The Book of Encounters Chapter 1

Music with Shadows 8-28= 7-31i 6-27i Both 3 x 3 diamonds map onto 5 by 5 networks by means of the semitonal transpositions (+/- 2/4) shown below. Cross each resulting shape diagonally and use the improvisatory centre box (I) as a pivot or final focus. White (empty-headed) notes may be omitted.



Habitations of Fire (12): 6-27oi This piece is concerned with the gradual unfolding of the centre melody (longest staves) which appears in its entirety (and then largely solo) only at the end. The main body of the work, which fluctuates wildly in terms of speed and dynamics, is conceived in terms of a dozen or more time-frames of roughly equal duration, clearly separated by pauses. Early time-frames are marked by short bursts of activity (perhaps 2 staves only) and long silences whilst later ones are more frenetic (4 or more fragments).

Music of the Languid Hours

7-31i: 5-28o 5-10i 5-31i: 3-02oi 3-03o 3-07i 3-08o

Build up a Necker-type continuum texture through the repetition of the 6 fragments of any set of staves (defined by ellipses), freely intermingled. Shared fragments act as pivots leading into different sets, whilst the repeated Major 3 (G-B) figure serves as a final focus. White guaver pairs may be omitted or (at the start of a paragraph) shifted to another part of the phrase.

An Accompaniment of Wings

(12): 4-12i 4-13o 4-27o 8-12i 8-13o 8-27o "With sad wing the cicadas avidly beat." -Annensky

Performers begin at different points of the cycle but finish together on the same (preagreed) fragment, having meanwhile completed 2-3 uni-directional revolutions. Each fragment is repeated several times at wildly fluctuating tempi and for each revolution there is a distinct 4-note harmonic field from which any 3 or 2 notes may be chosen. Players signal the completion of a cycle with a chromatic glissando, individually patterned.

Shores of Contention

7-31i: 4z15oi 4z29oi Employ a grace-note triplet group (played in any order) to attack either of the attached white notes, which then replaces the quaver stem for the whole of a shift-cycle. The rhythmic ground should be read first in shifts of 2 (a b, b c, c d ... k I) then shifts of 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. Repeat the last cycle with omissions and/or accumulations of grace-notes until some kind of rhythmic unison emerges.

A Dominion of Light

9-10: involutions of set size 5 For two players who share (uniquely in this collection of works) a synchronised beat, follow the same route through the piece and observe the same optional transpositions. Performers create repeated bars of 5/8 by independently sustaining dyads for 1, 2 or 3 quaver beats. The 7/8 coda is brief and played in unison.

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